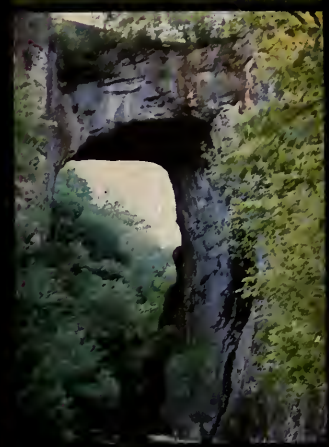
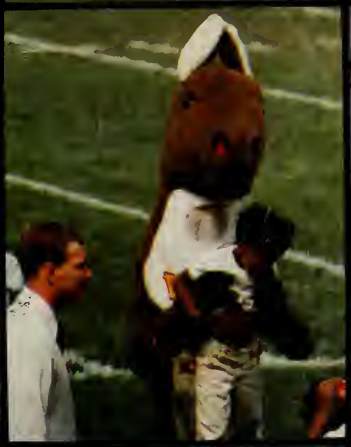
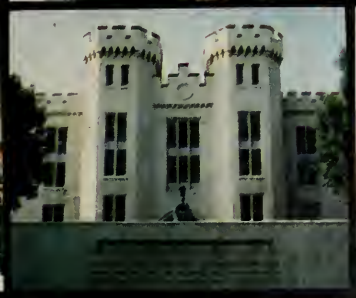



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Class of 1978

The class of 1978 would like to express its feelings about the past four years through the photographs and literature contained within this publication.

The V.M.I. Bomb, in this 94th edition, depicts the Corps in a light in which its never before been seen. As you turn from page to page you will see the Corps in a relaxed and informal setting along with the usual formal and rigid.

In essence this book means a great deal to the class of 1978. It illustrates the blood, the sweat, the tears and all facets of dedication that is required to make a V.M.I. man. It shows the laughter, and the good times as well. Also contained within the binds of this book is the never ending routine that engulfs the life here at the Institute. However, for the class of 1978, this experience is like water under the bridge. We are the newest addition to the band of V.M.I. Alumni and we wish the under three classes, and those yet to come the greatest in success. Take advantage of the priceless aspects of the Institute - and capitalize from those that aren't.

The creators of this book would like to show their deep appreciation to its readers with the material that is following.

Thank you V.M.I. and most of all, thank you Corps. You've made it all possible.



Rat year was a time of trials and tribulations. It was a year that required dedication. One could feel himself mature not only physically - but mentally. The academics seemed to be only one of the reprieves from the harsh military training - and there were those who couldn't accomplish that as well.

We learned of Friendships, Emotions, and most of all Honor. We seemed to mold from I to we, and were proud of it! And yet, after a year of experiencing the facets of living in the V.M.I. system, we still could not see the rewards that our Dykes had spoken of so often. It was a long year - one we would not soon forget. However, it proved to us that we were Men.

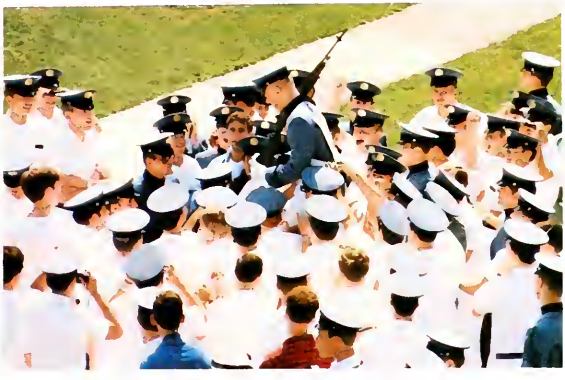






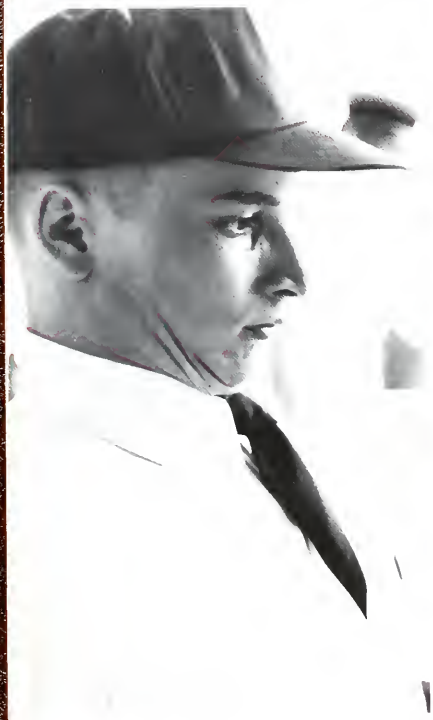























REMEMBER
SHAKE YOUR
BOOTIES

















Our third class year was still another year of testing. Testing our sense of accomplishment, and reevaluating our goals. We seemed to grow closer for we were alone. Our dykes were gone.

Our academics became our primary objective. They seemed to envelop and explain our existence. There were those of us who achieved military ranking, athletic recognition, and academic excellence. We felt our presence being known.

The year seemed to lack excitement and warmth. There was nothing to look forward to. We did, however wait anxiously to become an upper class. We could now offer constructive criticism to our spartan way of life. We had now become one of the corner stones of the Institute.















Returning to V.M.I. for our second class year seemed to be a new experience altogether. There was a different air about the Institute and it was because we were now an upper class. We knew we could undertake our academics and military obligations with illustrious emulation. We had proven ourselves — and now — we could begin to leave our mark upon the Institute and those below us.

We obtained our most prized possession — our Ring. A mere piece of gold which revealed our unity as a true entity. Ring Figure will always remain with within our memories as one of the most pleasureable events we — as a class — shared together.









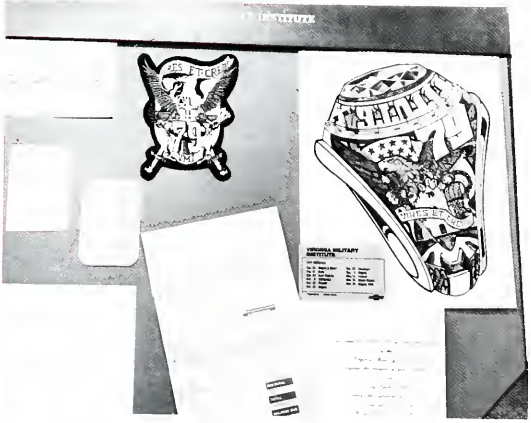





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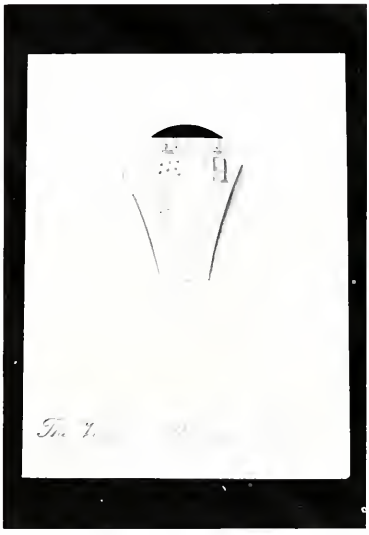















EXECUTIVE OFFICE

















We anxiously arrived back to V.M.I. as the First Class. We were now in charge! We would now have our own dykes - and we would impress upon them our feelings - ideals - and aspirations as our dykes did to us three years before.

All phases of cadet-life were in our realm of jurisdiction. And we aggressively conducted them. For many, graduation would not come soon enough. No longer would we stare at the almost intangible Light at the end of the tunnel ---------- for we have arrived.

And as alumni to be - we will always thank the Institute for giving us the opportunity to become ONE! We shall always cherish our memories of V.M.I.










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DEDICATION



The Class of 1978 would like to dedicate this publication to former Commandant Colonel William J. Buchanan. To give a brief history of Colonel Buchanan would be appropriate for we do not have the space to list all of the accomplishments of this great man.

Colonel Buchanan is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Class of 1950-B. During his cadetship the Colonel was Vice President of his Class, Vice President of the Honor Court, First Captain and graduated academically distinguished. He was the recipient of the highly prized Cincinnati Medal. During his military career, Colonel Buchanan served with the United States Marine Corps. After graduating from VMI he was commissioned in the United States Army. He attended the National War College and the Army's Command and General Staff College. He served two tours in Vietnam.

He returned to VMI as the Commandant of Cadets, a position he held for five years. During that time, Colonel Buchanan worked closely with the Class Officers, and with the rest of the Corps. The betterment of the Corps and the Institute were his foremost thoughts. This can be easily seen.

Colonel Buchanan, we dedicate the following pages to you. You inspired us, molded us, and gave us credit when it was it due. Through your work, we, the Classes that were fortunate enough to know you, became fine men. The kind of men the institute is proud to call her sons.

Sir, the old cliche that goes, "You never know how much someone means to you until they are no longer there," is true. We miss you very much, and can only hope that life gives those things you truly want. Colonel Buchanan, we salute you, and we thank you for what you have done for us.

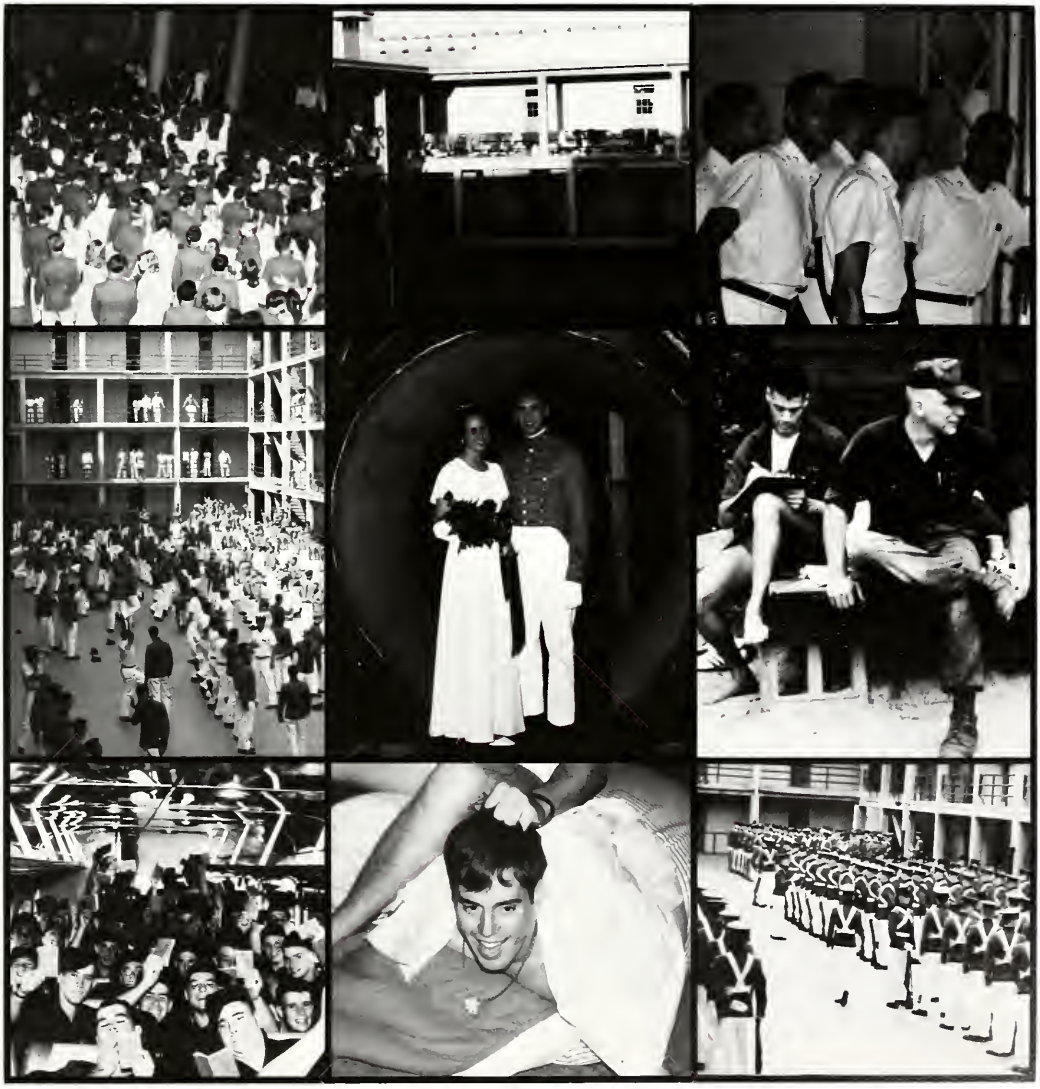
The Class of 1978


BUCHANAN





UNDERCLASS



The Class Of 1981



From different cultures and from different classes, 378 of us came to the Virginia Military Institute for an education. Exactly what type of education we were going to get was something altogether different than what we had imagined.

On Wednesday, 17 August 1977, we matriculated into the place we would call home for four years. What we would experience during those four years, only Brother Rats, upperclassmen and graduates would believe. As a RAT, we were expected to live a life of total demoralization. One that was equivalent to that of rabble in the streets. The reputation of being a high school senior was history. All that was left was a lot of tomorrows.

As classes started our minds were being geared towards academics. But as our barracks life remained ridgid we actually forgot our reasons for coming. This was evident when our first quarterly grades came out. We had been given higher level work, and we spent our free time fleeing the harsh realties of the Ratline and the military. Letters and phone calls from home aided us in recollecting our purpose in being in college.

However, somehow, someway, we made it. Through all our trials and tribulations we survived.

Then on that glorious evening of 1March, 1978, we broke out of the famed "Rat Line". We called home in excitement to tell our families that we were now a class. We are presently looking ahead to future years and see an image - Vague . . . perhaps yet still an image.

Our dykes are leaving and we will miss them. But we still soon enough be dykes and raise our own freshman to be in the image and likeness of us.

To the Class of '78 we bid you farewell and good travelling. To the Institute, we greet you with extended arms. The Class of 1981 will be a class that will leave its indulable mark upon the walls of this eminent Institution.

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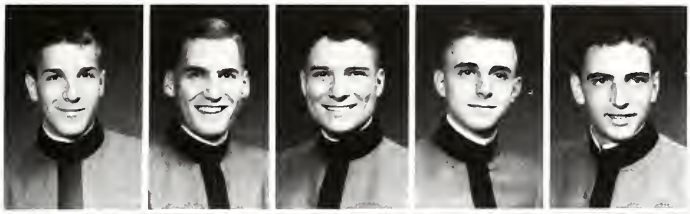












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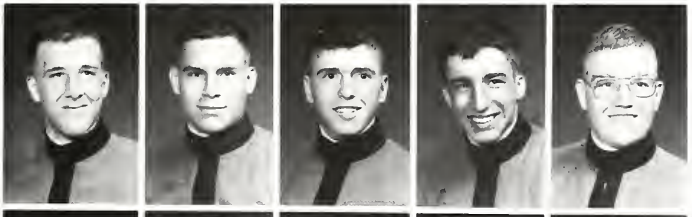


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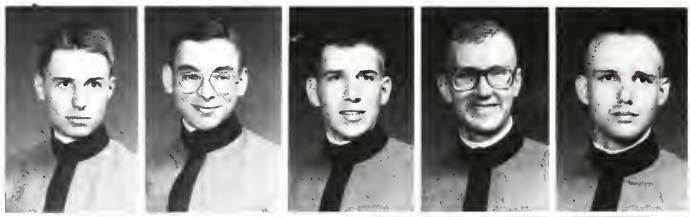


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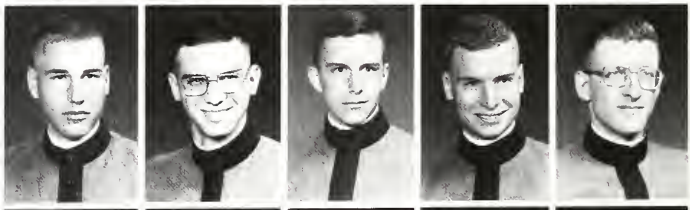


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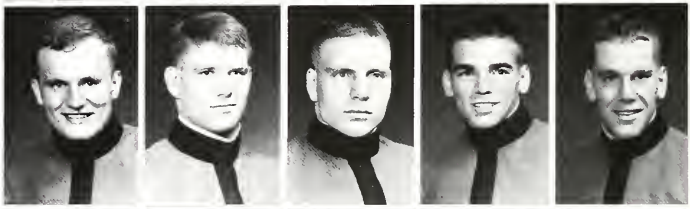
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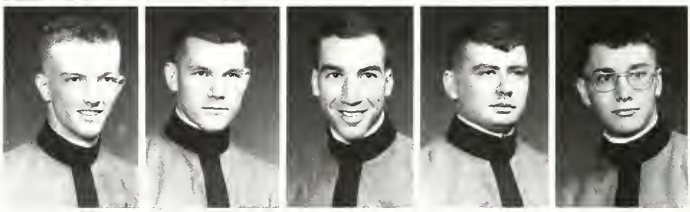
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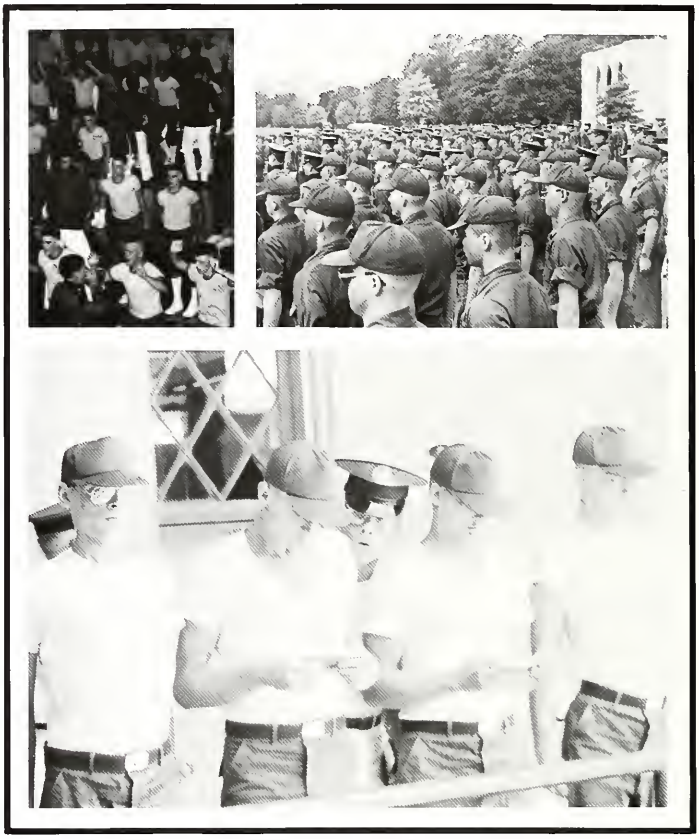
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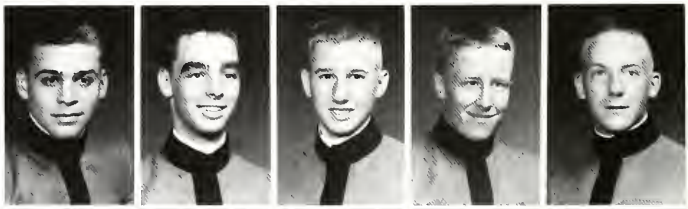


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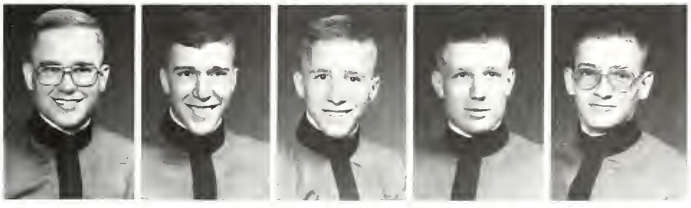


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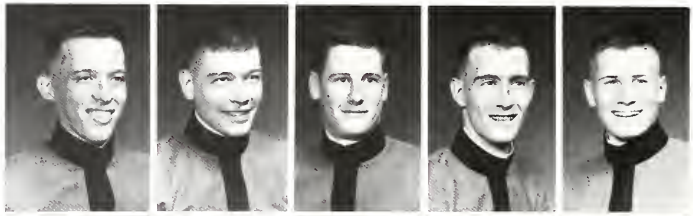


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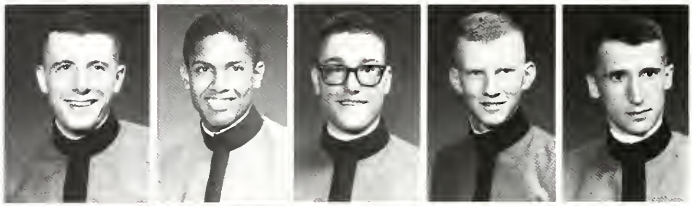


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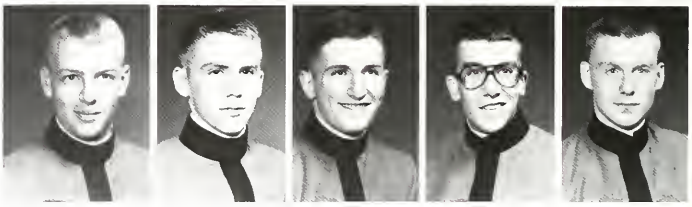
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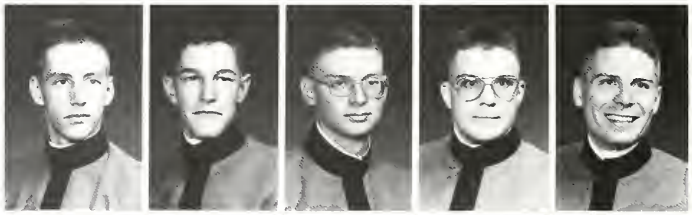


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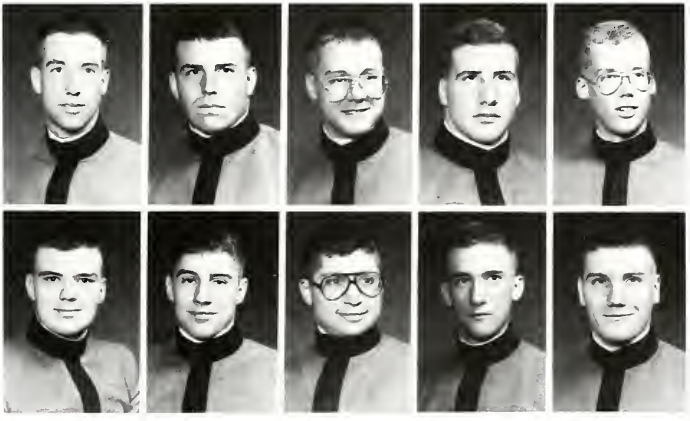


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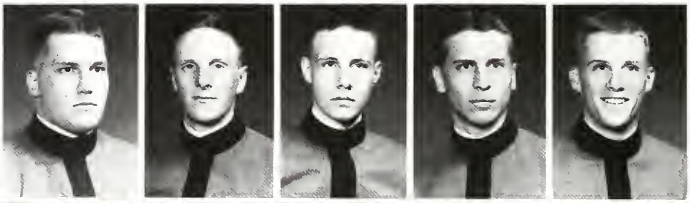
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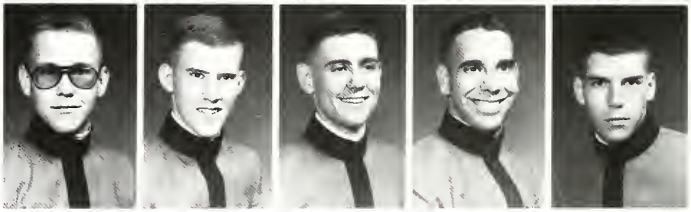
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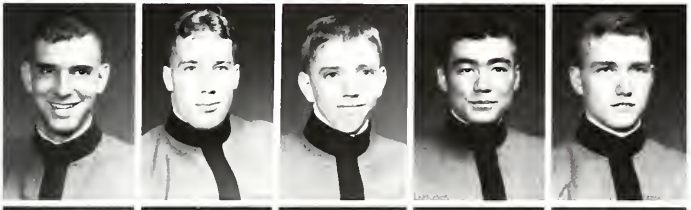




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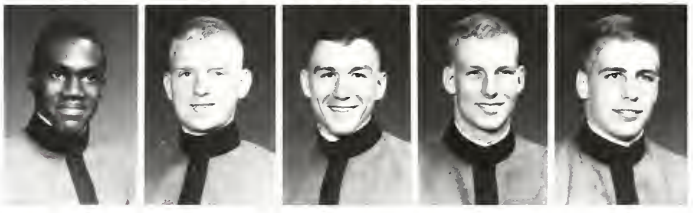


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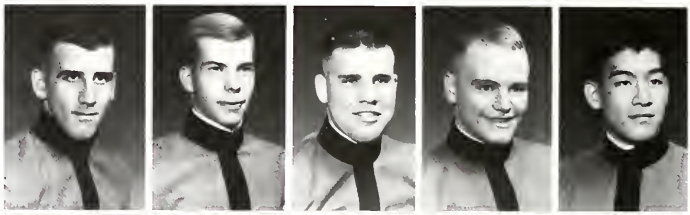


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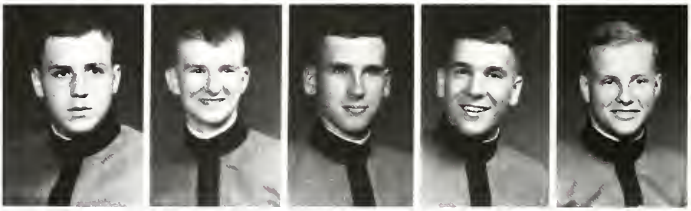
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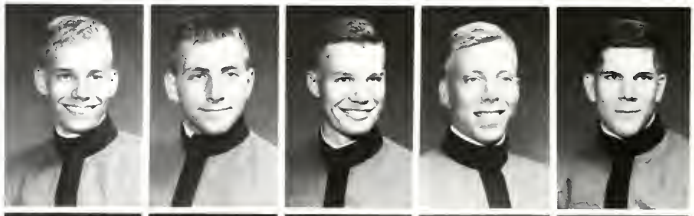


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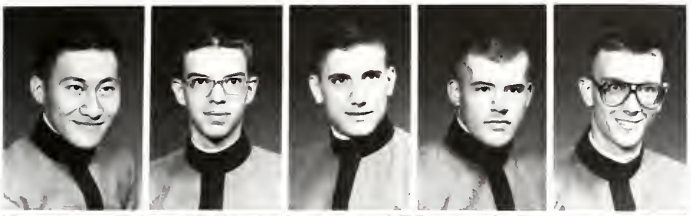
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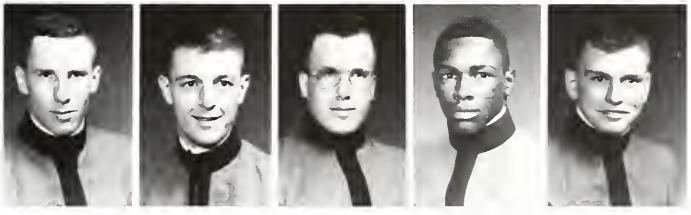


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"You are up to the R.D.C."



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R.H. RUSSELL
M.G. SANDERS
D.J. SAUNDERS



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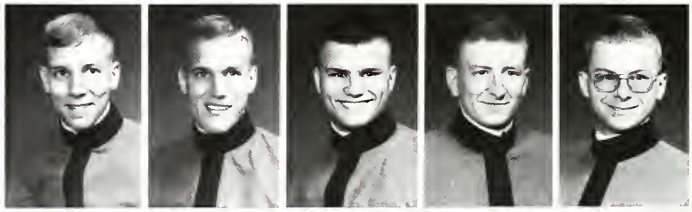
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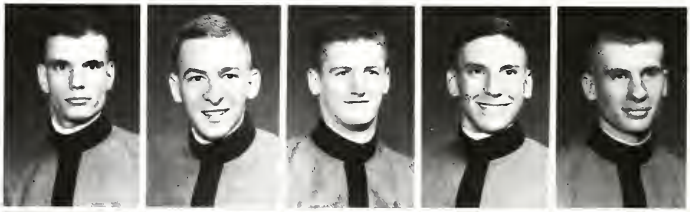


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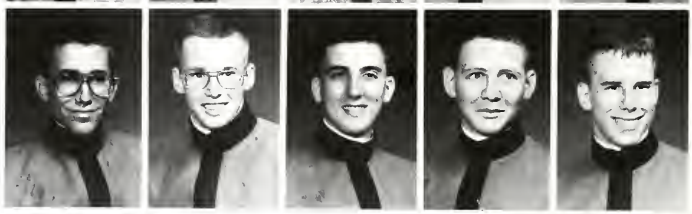


"Why aren't you straining, idiot?"

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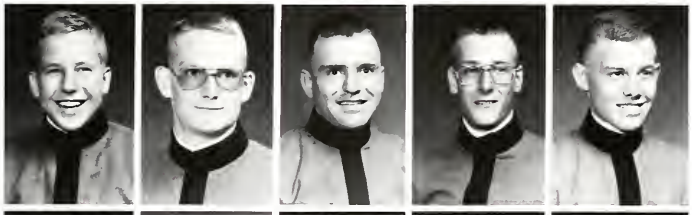




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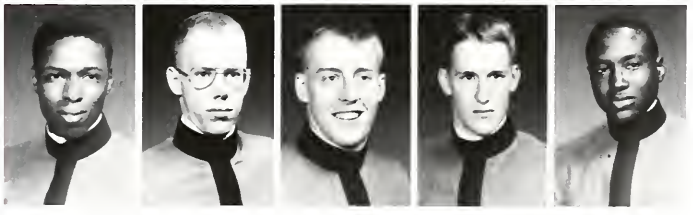


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"Quit tooling, Rat!"



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T.K. WIGGS
P.C. WILKINS



M.L. WILLIAMS
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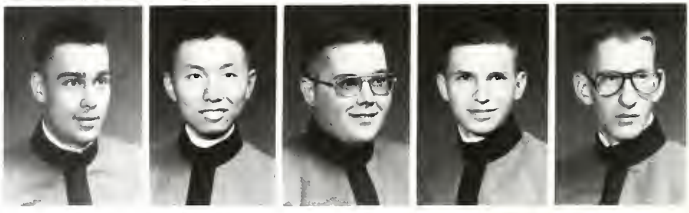


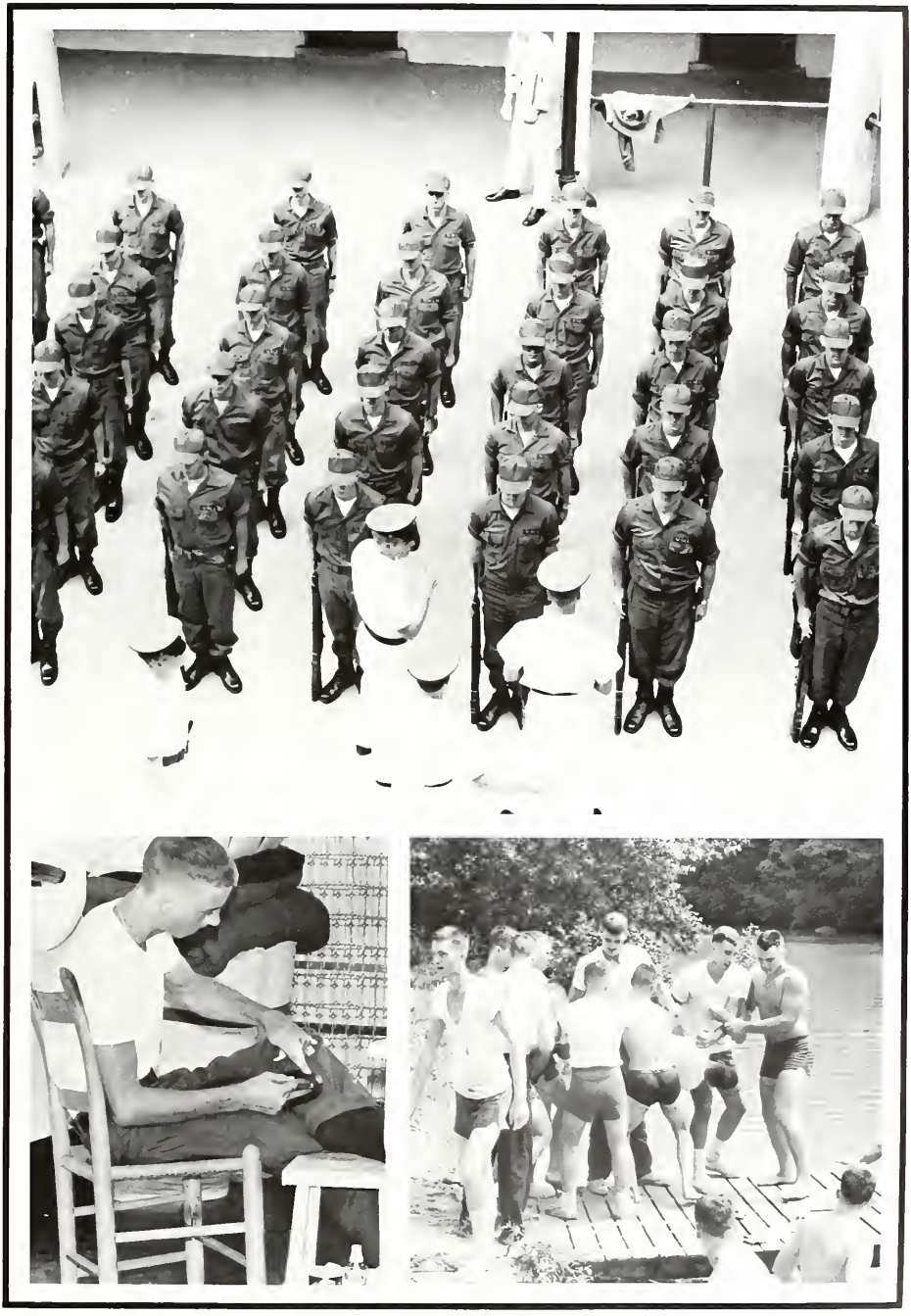
"A lot of pressure"

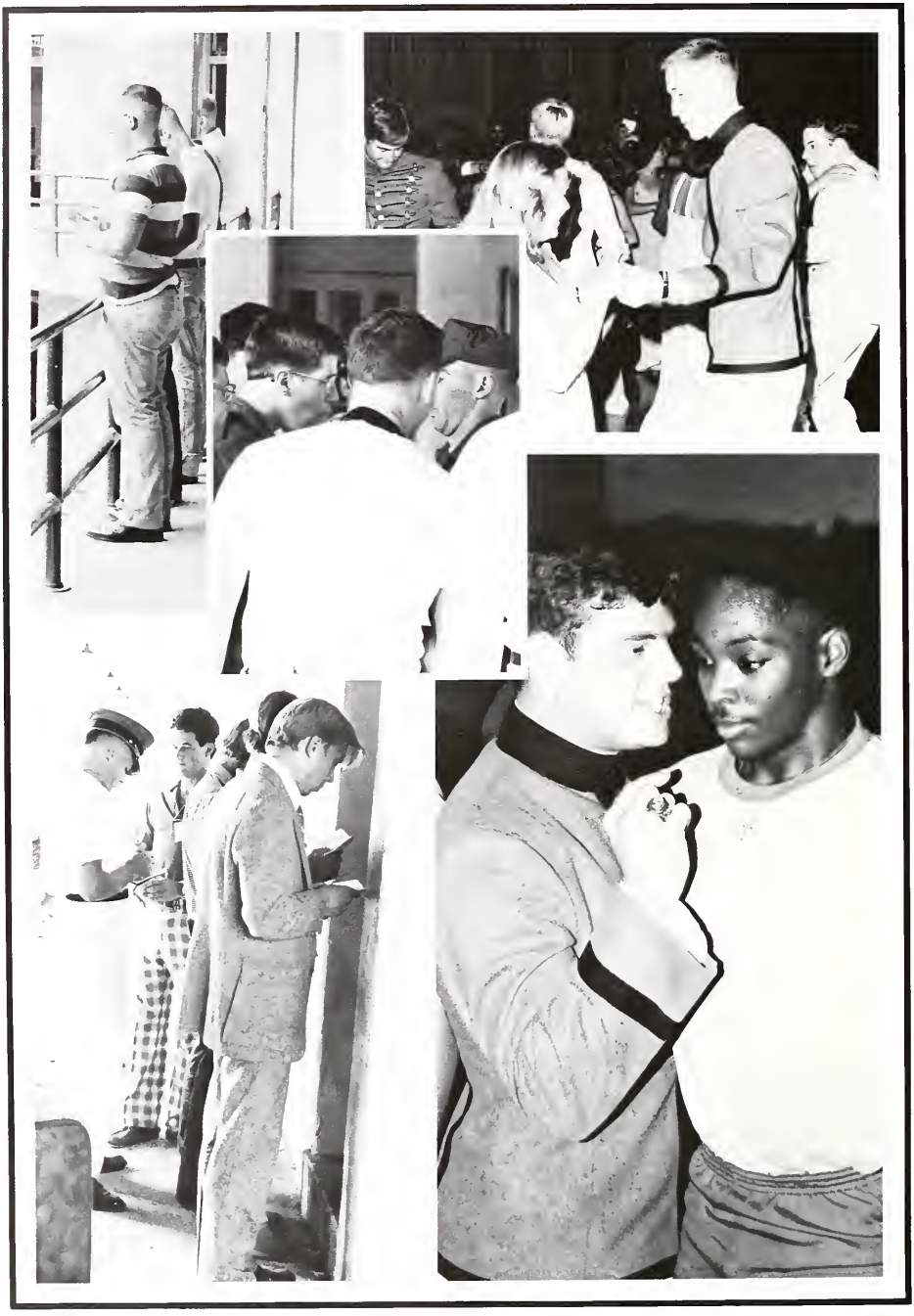
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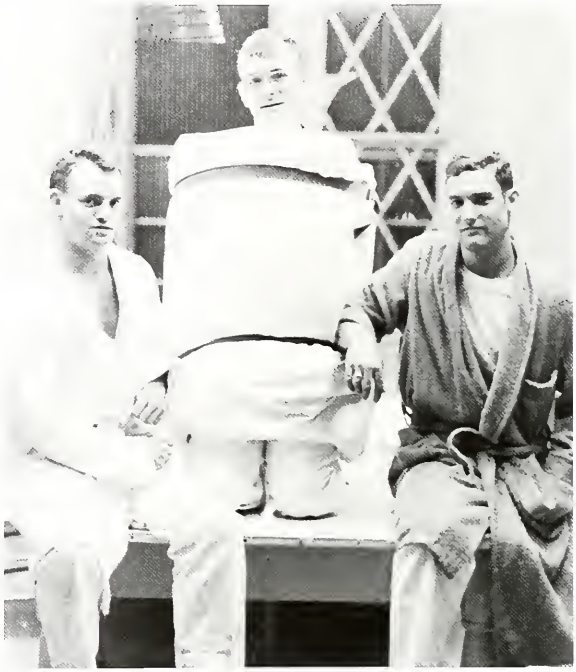








The Class Of 1980



We became a class on the 28th of January 1977 after one of the coldest breakouts in many years. Breakout was the culmination of a long, tough ratline designed to instill in us many of the qualities we now possess as a class and as V.M.I. men. Our year ended on a solemn and reflective note as we were forced to accept the deaths of four, fine brother rats.

After a well-deserved summer break, we arrived with stereos, with hair, without dykes and without rooms. As we took notice of the new rats, we could not help but look back and see something of ourselves . . . In our year of the academic ratline, we have enjoyed new freedoms and many new responsibilities. We have worn an emblem of our class - the patch.

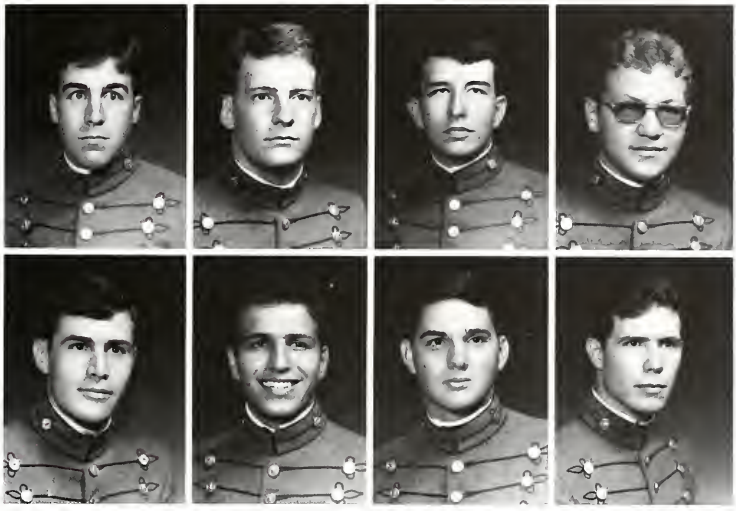
We look to the future with anticipation. We look forward to gaining the true symbol of our unity as a class - our ring and ring figure. But our real goals lie in acquiring the qualities we each came to V.M.I. to find and in graduating with as many of our brother rats as possible.

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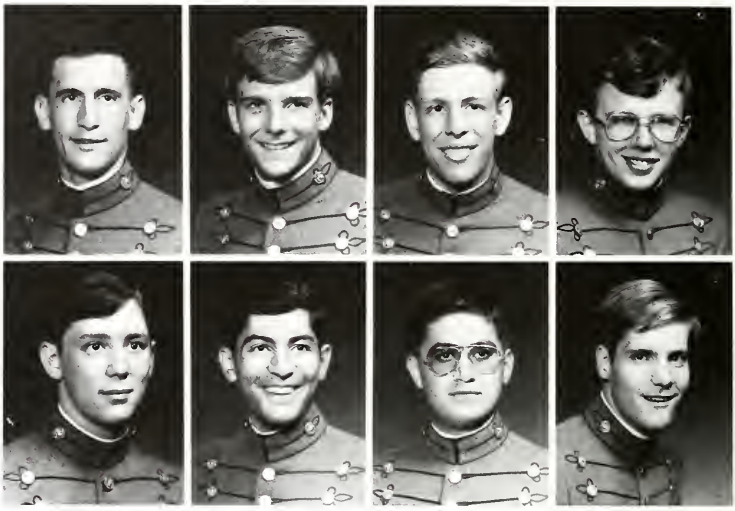
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"Oh God!!"

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"I Hate Physics!!"



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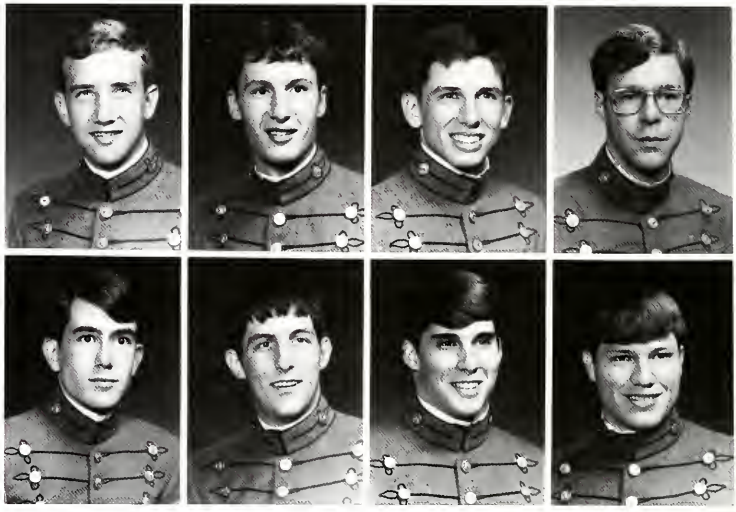
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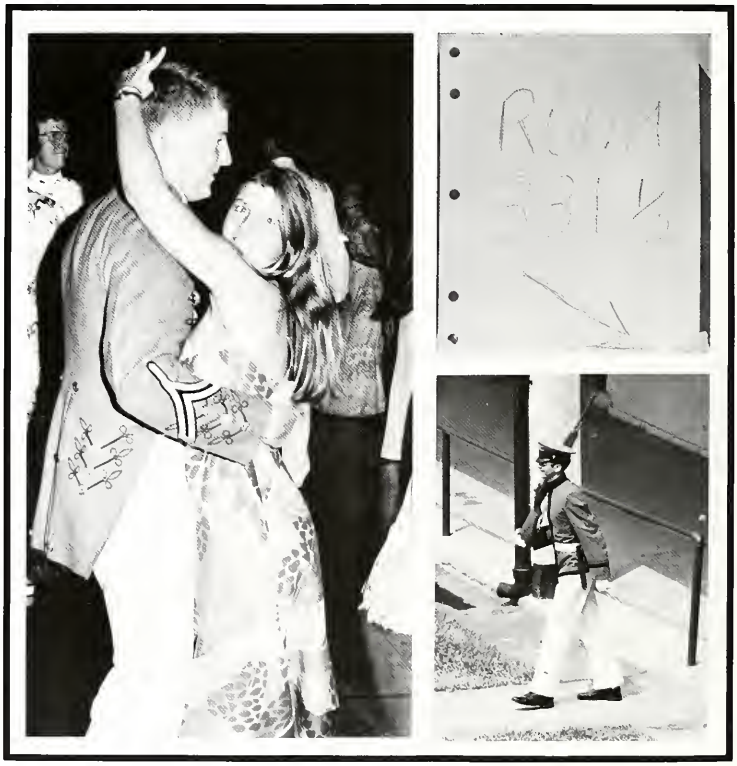
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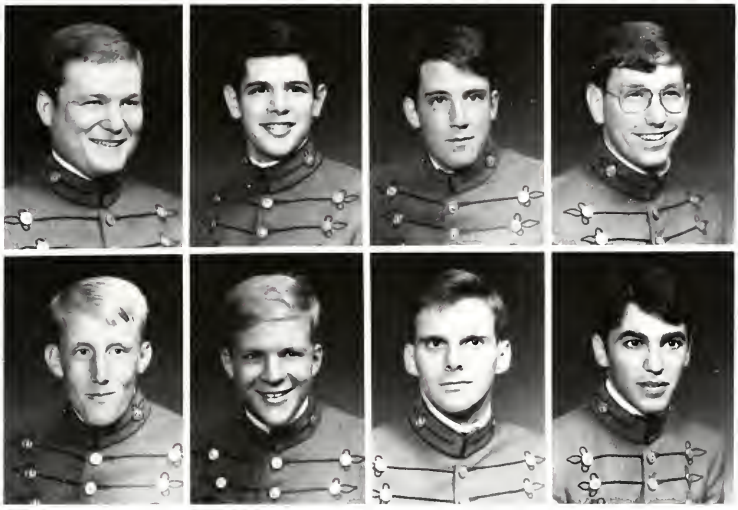
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"I'm Failing Out Of School!"





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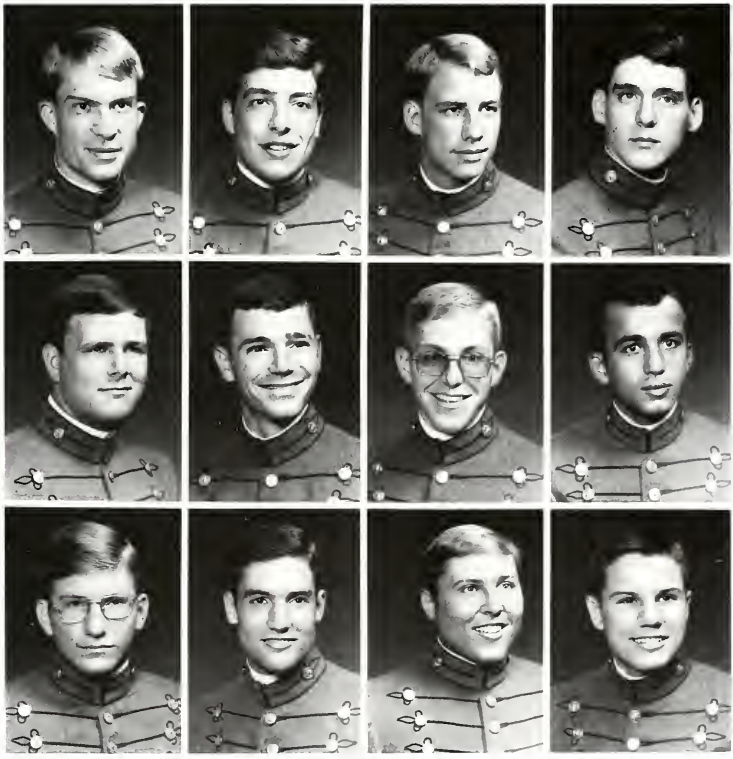
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"Wo, Menu. What's For Supper?"



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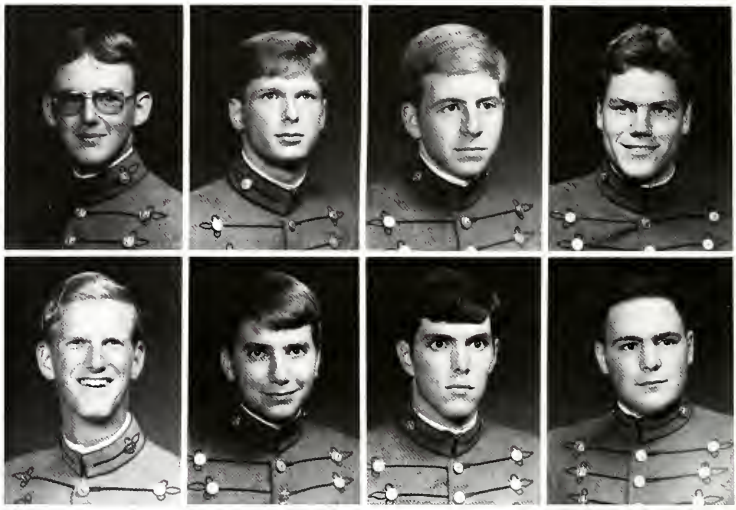
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"I Wanna Go To Bed."

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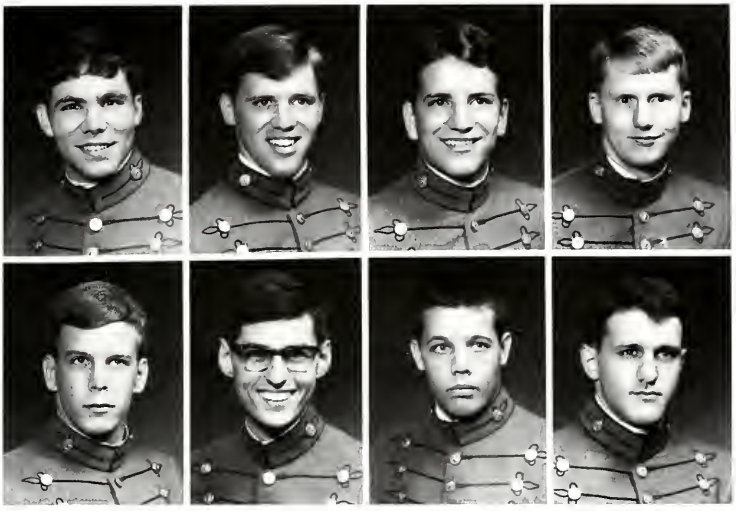
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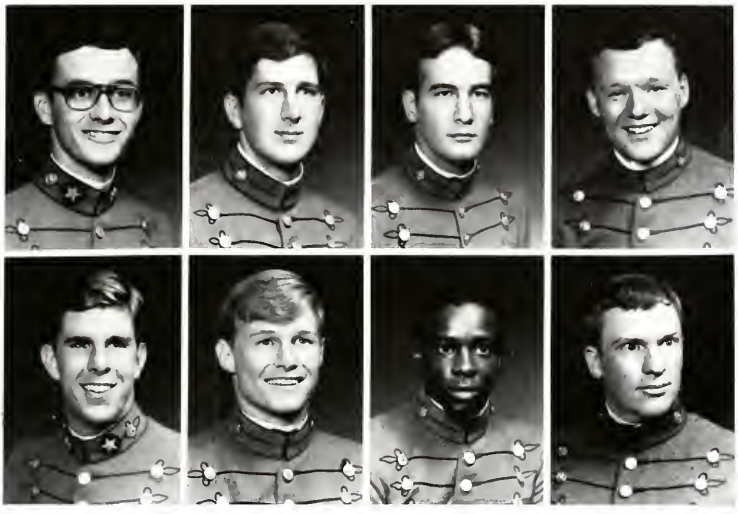
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"Oh Lord, Give Me Strength!"

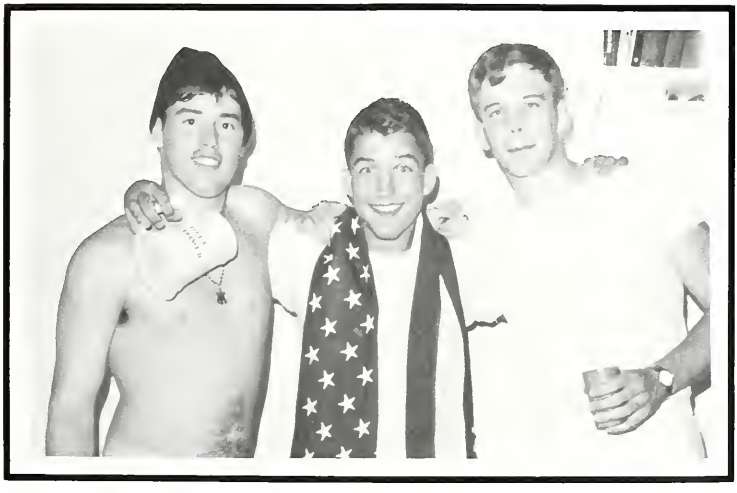


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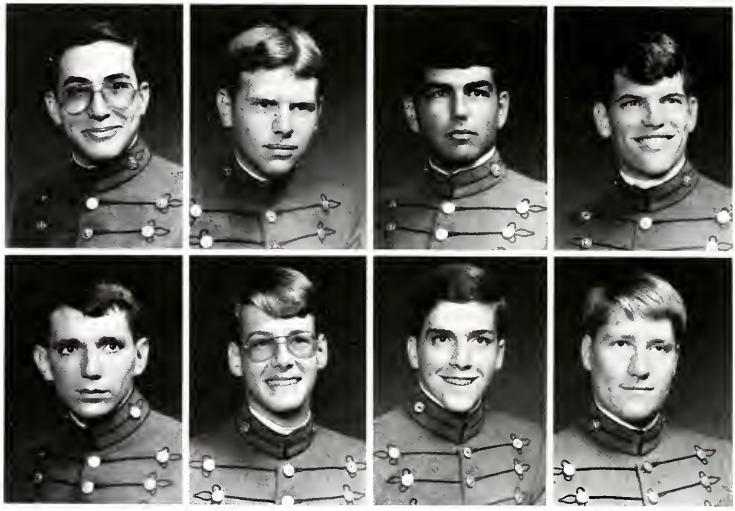
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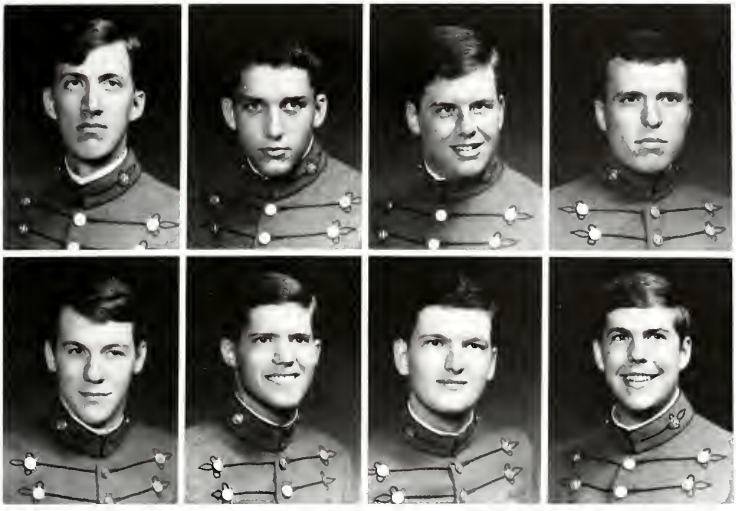
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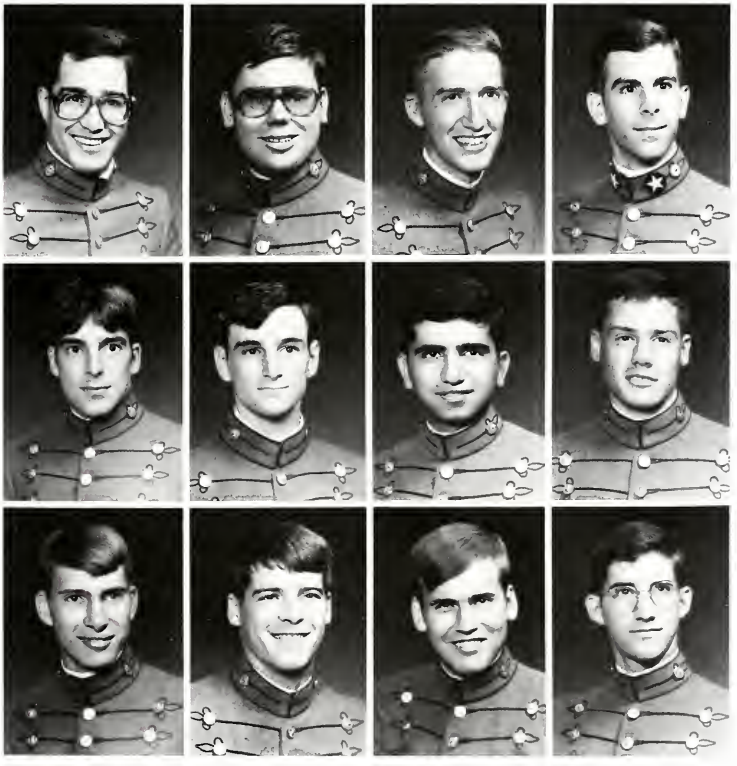
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"It's Boring As Hell."



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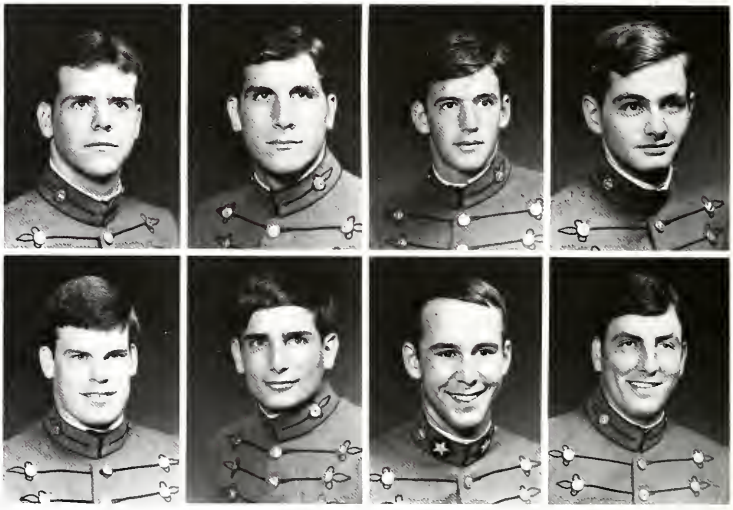
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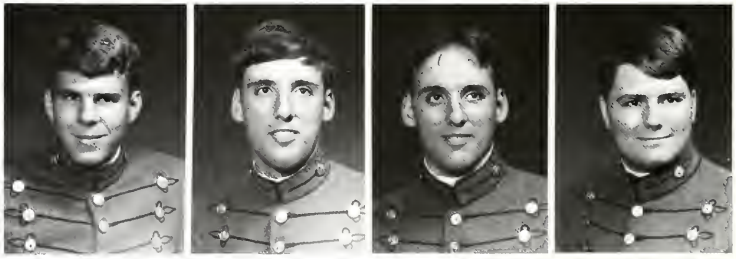


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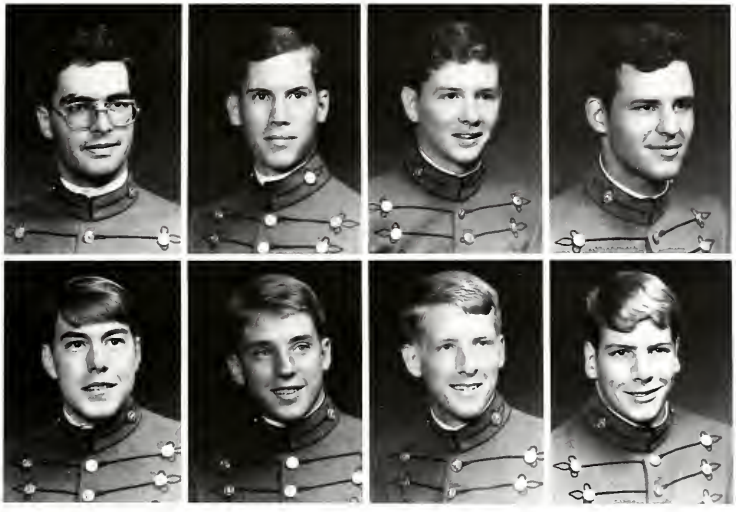
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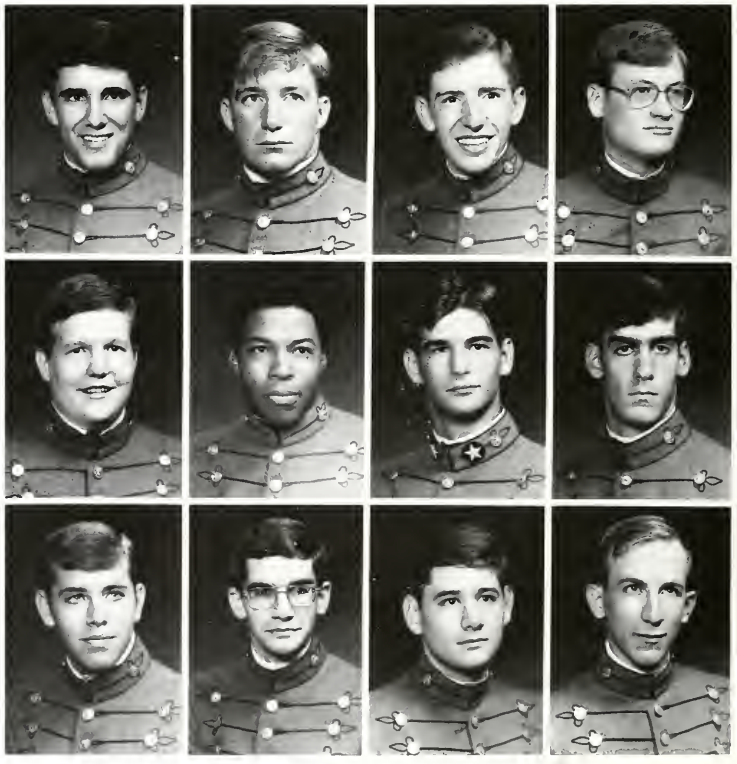
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The Class Of 1979

Looking back on the past three years as experienced Second Classmen we realize how painful the first two years were. We went from being told what to do to finding our for ourselves how harsh these "hallowed halls" could be when one of our own actions was wrong. The outlook was bleak.

Returning for our third class year, prospects brightened. Everyone kept a running count on the days left till our Ring Figure. Ring Figure preparation this year was an enormous undertaking but the energy and spirit of our class met up to the challenge. Ring Figure was our next milestone on our way to Graduation, '79.

After Ring Figure, it was back to the harsh realities of life at the Institute. As our Second Class year comes to a close we are both fearful and elated over the prospects of becoming First Classmen. Graduation is just around the corner as we prepare for our best and last year.

J.G. and P.J.













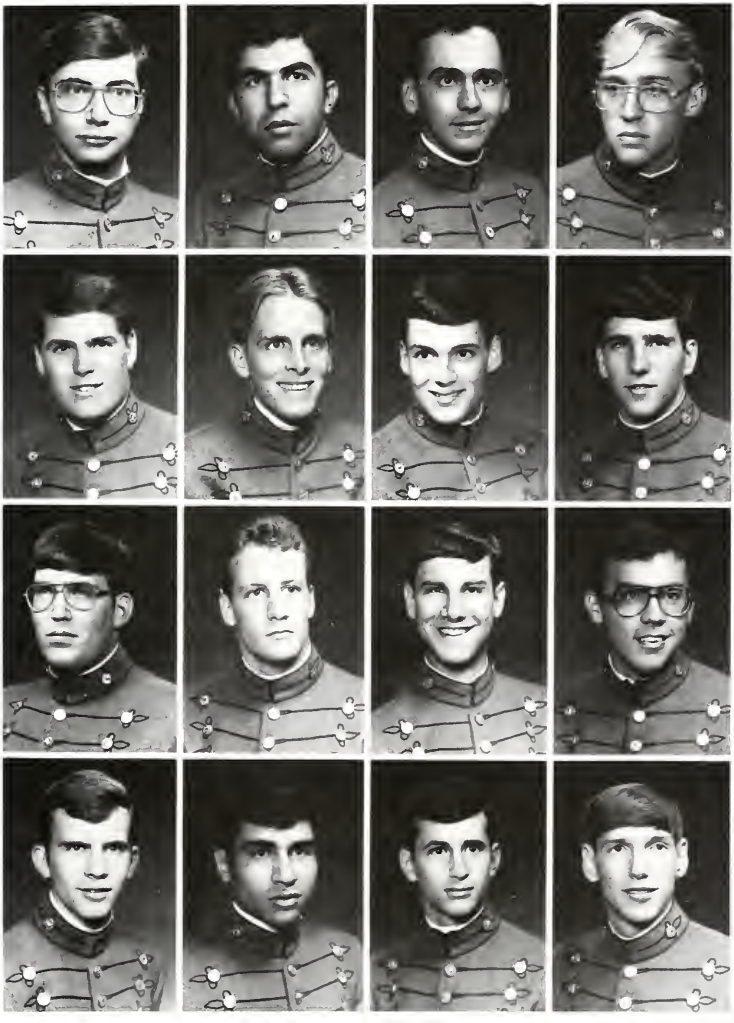
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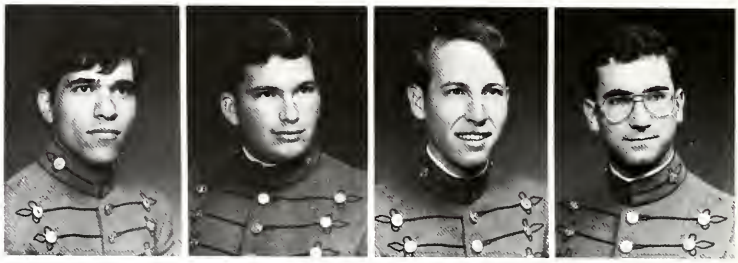
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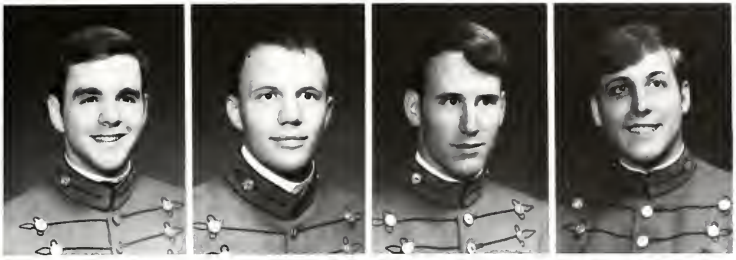
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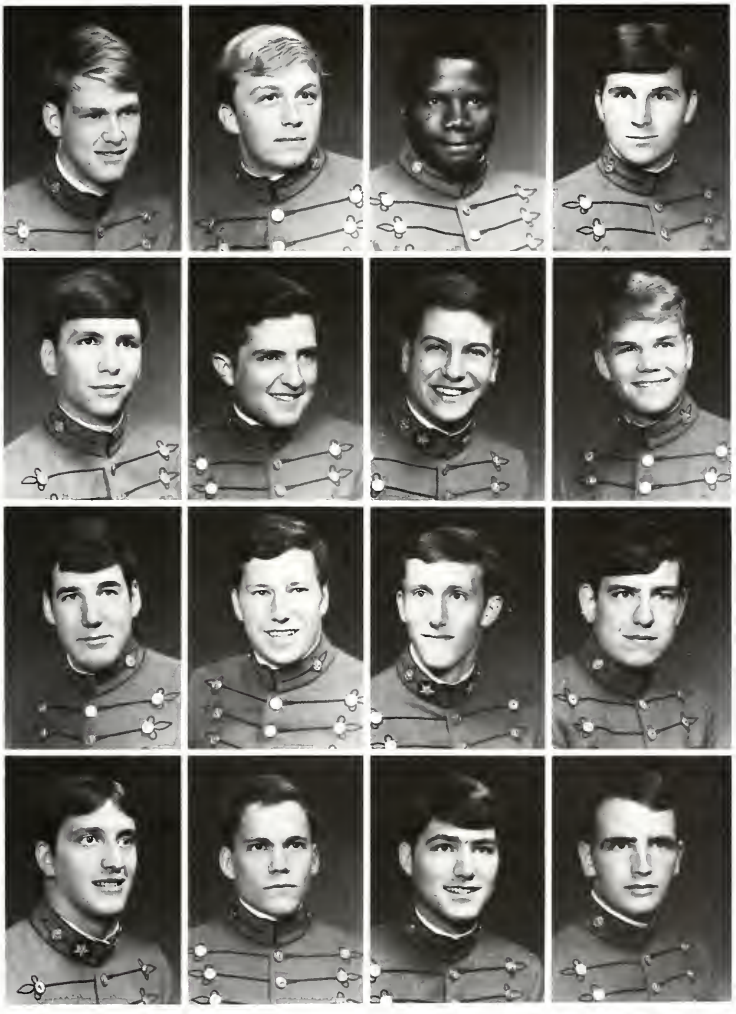
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"My Cadetship Is Half Over!?!"

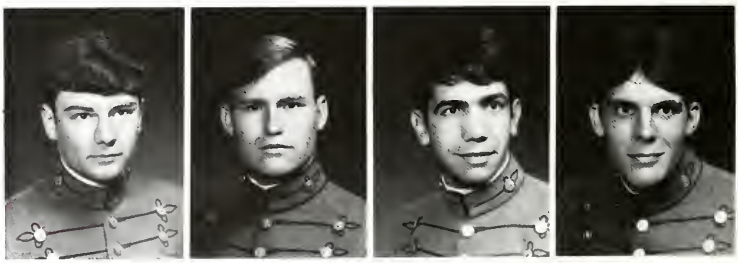


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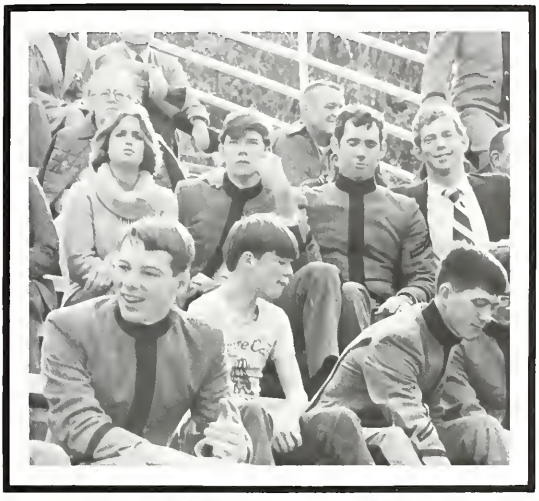

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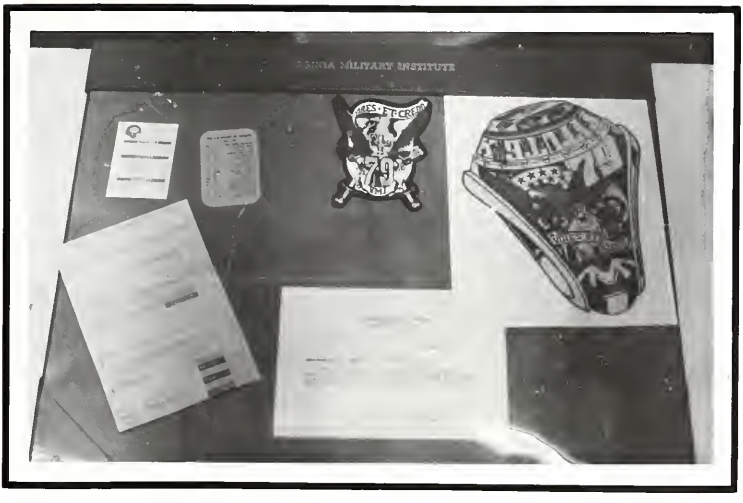
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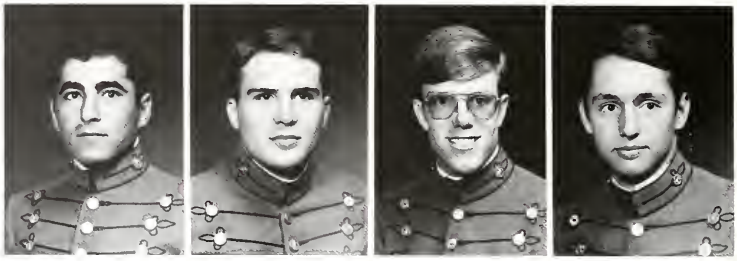


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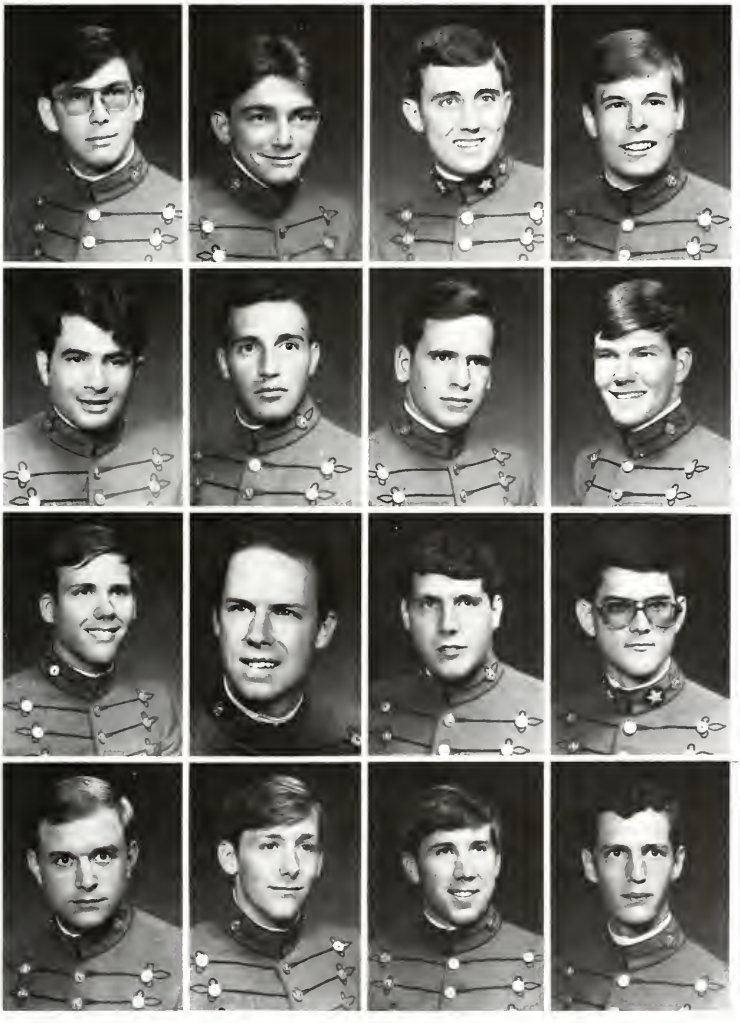
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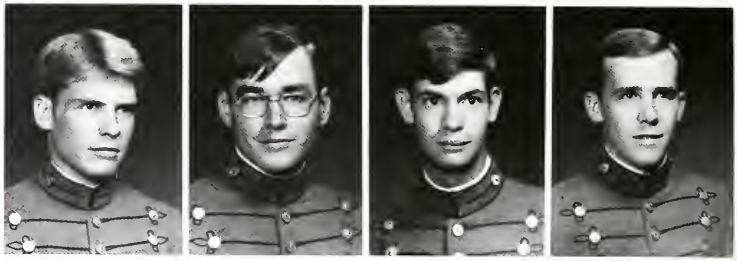
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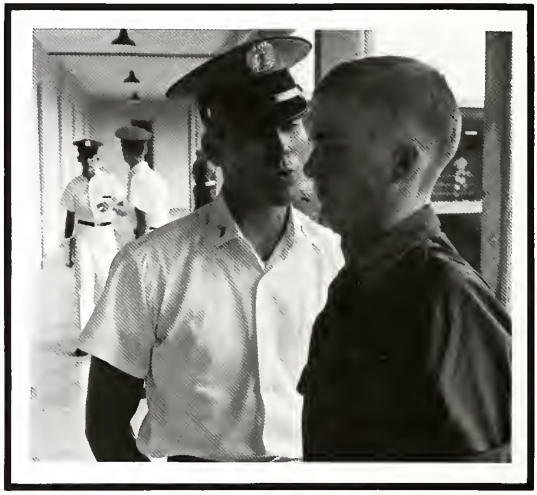
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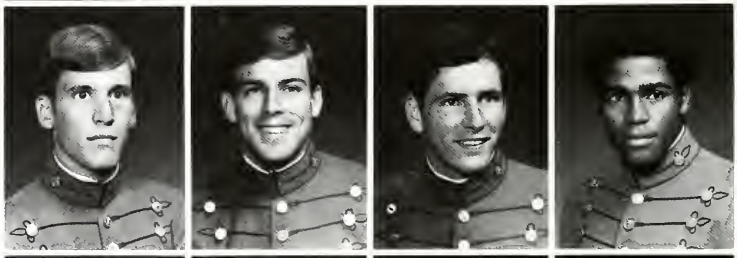


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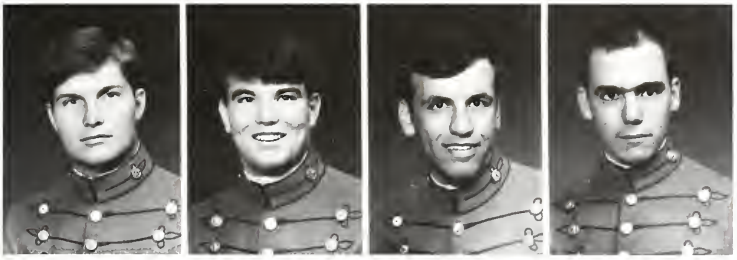
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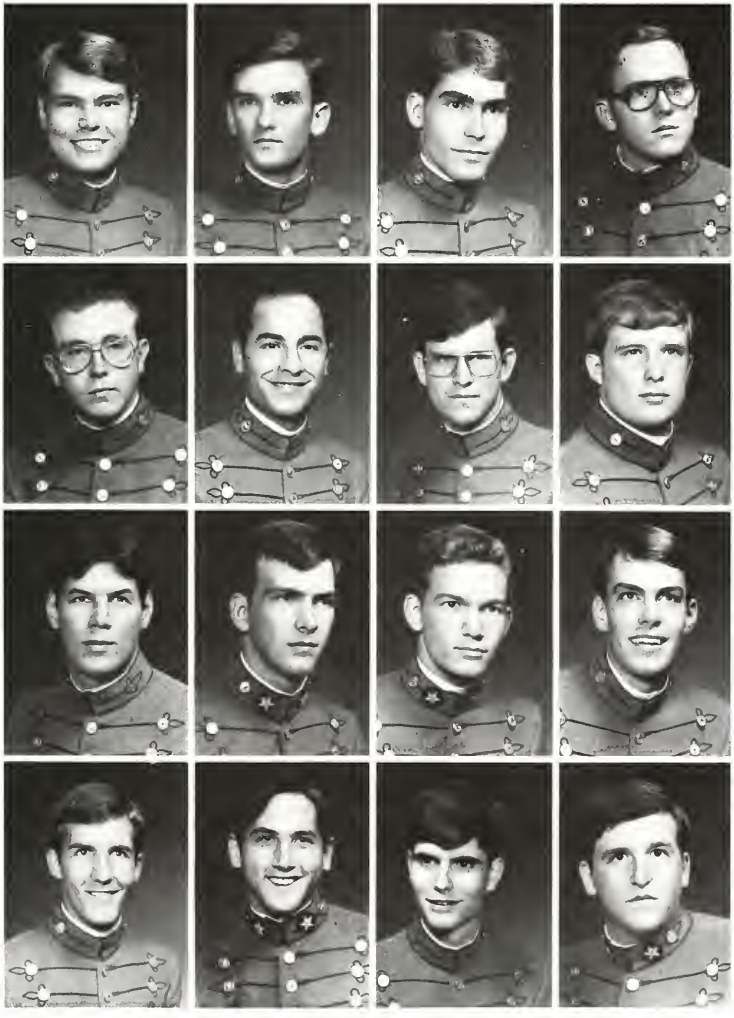
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CHARLES THOMAS MOSES III
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Colonial Heights, Virginia

SAMUEL GIFFORD MURPHY
Norfolk, Virginia

GEORGE BRISTER MYERS
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CRAIG ALLISON MYLER
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

ALI NASSERI
Arlington, Virginia

ANDREW MARK NEFF
Milford, Connecticut

EDWARD MICHAEL NEGRO
Lowber, Pennsylvania

HARLAN RICHARD NIEHAUS
Genoa, Ohio

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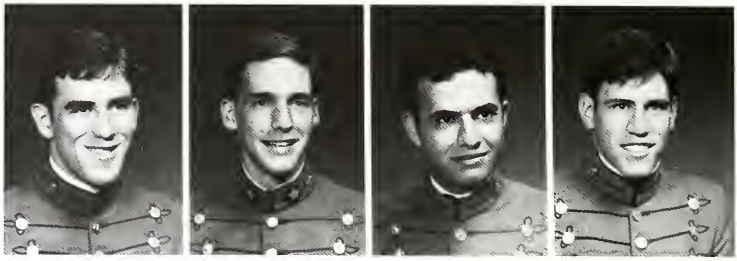
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ANTHONY BIDGOOD PAIS
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GARY DALE PARKER
Elliston, Virginia



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Mt Crawford, Virginia

ROBERT LOUIS PARODI
Poughkeepsie, New York

WILLIAM HOWARD PEACOCK
Virginia Beach, Virginia

BRUCE EDWARD PEARSON
Lynchburg, Virginia

EDWARD WALTER PETTERSEN
Alexandria, Virginia

JAMES RANCE PIGG JR
Roanoke, Virginia

EARL GILBERT PILKER
Erie, Pennsylvania

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PIM IV
Arlington, Virginia

JOHN BAGBY PLEASANTS JR
Grafton, Virginia

JOHN CHESLEY POFFENBARGER
Charleston, West Virginia

JAMES GREGORY POUZAR
Burnsville, Minnisotta

HENRY STEPHEN POWERS III
Ocala, Florida

SUMNER RIDDICK PUGH III
Farmville, Virginia

DAVID MORTON PYLE
Norfork, Virginia

GEOGORY CAMBELL QUINN
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

PAUL WILSON RAMEY
Lexington, Virginia





ALIREZA RAMEZANI-GOLAFZANI
Arlington, Virginia

KEITH ALLEN RANKER
Dumont, New Jersey

NICHOLAS SOCRATES RANTIS
Oak Park, Illinois

MOHAMMAD RAZIPOUR
Arlington, Virginia

"15 May 1979"





CHRISTOPHER PAUL REISCH
Casanova, Virginia

RICARDO JOSEPH RENDON
Hampton, Virginia

DANIEL LYNDON RICHARDSON
Concord, Virginia

DAVID JOHN RIEDEL
Norfolk, Virginia

TIMOTHY EDWARD RITZERT
Perry Point, Maryland

HENRY JACKSON ROGERS
Crofton, Maryland

STEPHEN ADUSTON ROGERS
Eutaw, Alabama

COUNCILL COURTLAND RUDOLPH II
St. Petersburg, Florida

ROBERT MARCOUX RUSSELL
Fairfax, Virginia

CHARLES WILLIAM SACHS
Richmond, Virginia

JAMES MARTIN SADLER
Richmond, Virginia

ROY DABNEY SADLER
Crozier, Virginia



"15 May 2004"









JERYL STANLEY SALMOND
Columbia, South Carolina

WILLIAM RANDOLPH SARVAY JR
Highland Springs, Virginia

STEVEN SCAGLIONE
Astoria, New York

ERIC MARTIN SCHWARZ
Glen Rock, New Jersey

"One More Year To Go, Doc"



HARRY EDWIN SEMLER III
Newport, Rhode Island

DANIEL SCOTT SHEAHAN
Havelock, North Carolina

KENNETH PATTON SHELTON
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KON YOUNG SHIN
Oxon Hill, Maryland



SCOTT RICHARD SHUMAN
Front Royal, Virginia







ROBERT LEONARD SIEVERT
Pueblo, Colorado

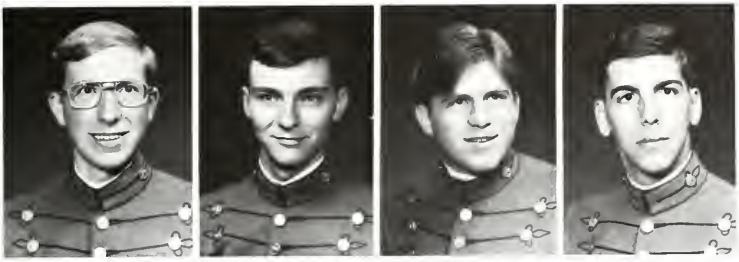
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Virginia Beach, Virginia











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CHARLES EDWARD SMITH
Piscataway, New Jersey

DEAN ERIC SMITH
Manassas, Virginia

DAVID ROBERT SMITH, JR.
San Francisco, California

"My God, I've Finally Got It"



JAMES PARKE KEMP SMITH
Ashland, Virginia

JAMIE LEE SMITH
Virginia Beach, Virginia

WILLIAM HEDLEY SMITHSON
Richmond, Virginia

ALAN GEORGE SOLTIS
Tarentum, Pennsylvania

THOMAS JAMES SOTOS
Richmond, Virginia

PHILIP LEROY SOUTHERS
Waynesboro, Virginia

MEADE ADDISON SPOTTS
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JOHN DAVID STOCKER
Bowie, Maryland

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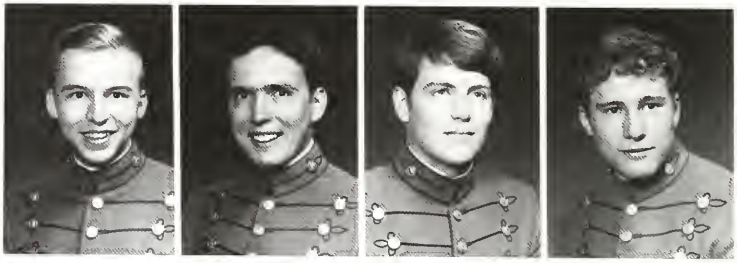
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GLEB OLEKSA TARAN
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DAVID LEE TAYLOR
Chester, Va.

JOHN STAFFORD TAYLOR, JR.
St. Louis, Mo.



"How Time Flies!"

JOHN COLES TERRY, III
Roanoke, Va.

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Kinsington, Md.

MICHAEL DON THOMAS
Virginia Beach, Va.

VESTER JAY THOMPSON
Mobile, Ala.

RICHARD MUNROE TOFT
Milford, Va.

BRIAN STEVENS TOLLIE
Bristol, Va.

IRVING FILLMORE TRUITT, III
Norfolk, Va.

THOMAS HERBERT TRUMPS
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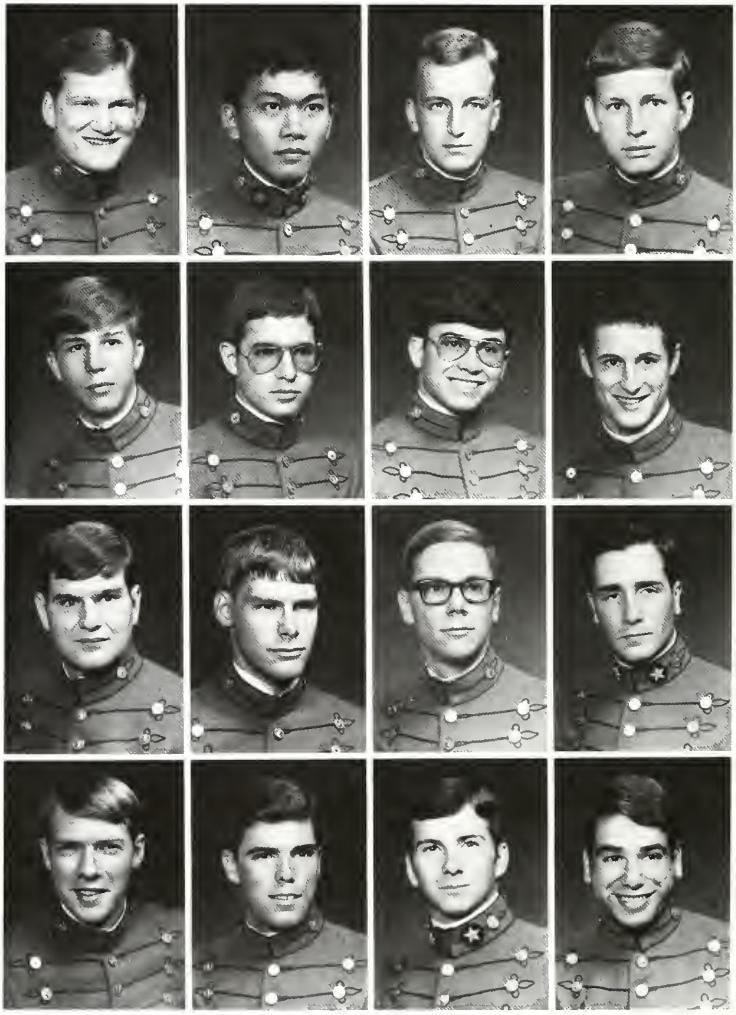
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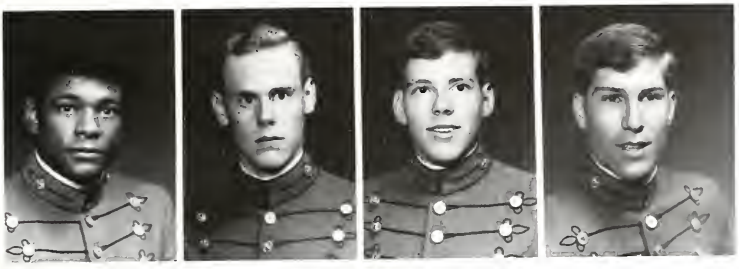
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Lompoc, Calif.

JOSEPH ANTHONY WALBERT
Pottstown, Pa.

MICHAEL GLENN WEATHERHOLTZ
Harrisonburg, Va.

"The Ultimate Weekend"



GREGORY McKINLEY WEAVER
Washington, D.C.

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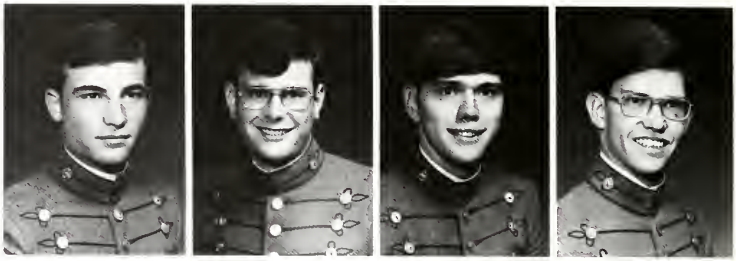


THOMAS HASAL WHITE
Vienna, Virginia

RAYMOND ALLEN WHITNER III
North Wales, Pennsylvania

LARRY WAYNE WILLIAMS
Salem, Virginia

THOMAS ANTHONY WILSON
Newport News, Virginia



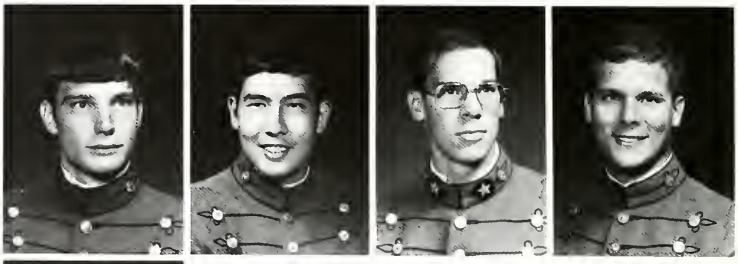
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ROBERT EDWARD WITHEROW
Hopewell, Virginia

JAMES MARC WITHERS
Irvine, California

WILLIAM MORISON WOOD III
Richmond, Virginia



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TSONG-MING YEH
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RANDOLPH KYLE YOUNG
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NEJAD-ERSHADI BAHRAM ZAHIR
Arlington, Virginia

RUSSELL ALLEN ZECH
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"Wait Til Next Year"



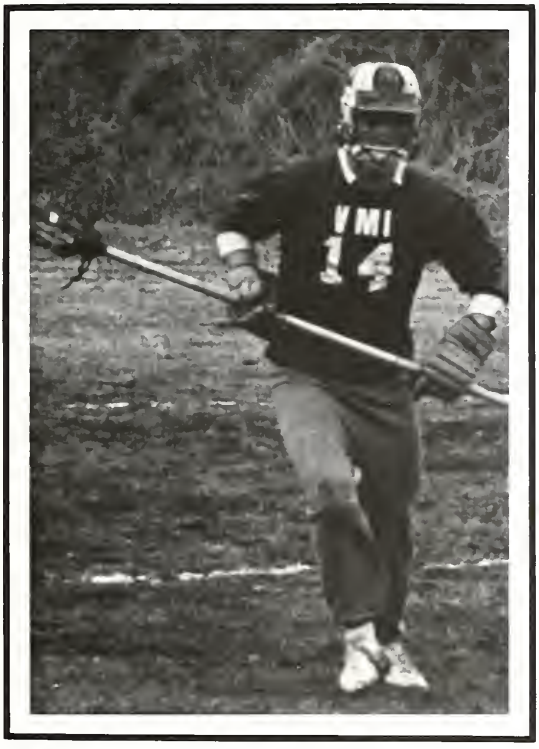



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Harrison, Ohio

JOHN CHARLES BLAKE JR.
Daleville, Virginia

RICHARD GRANT CADUGAN
Wethersfield, Ct.

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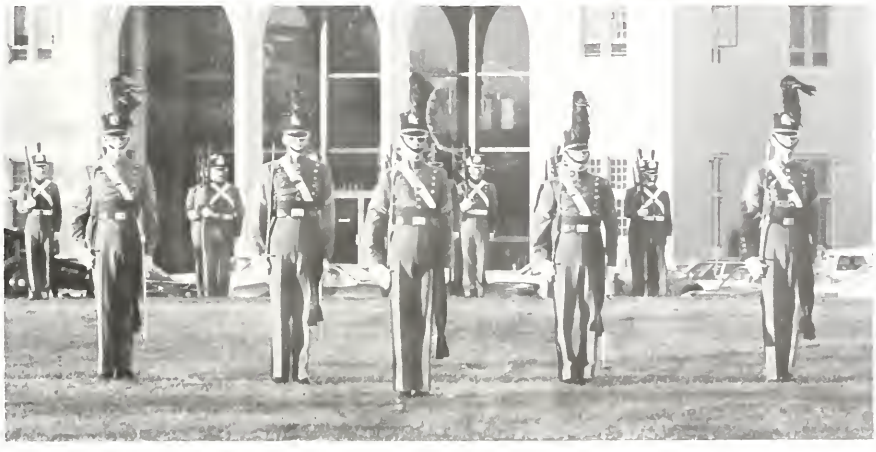
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Severna Park, Md.



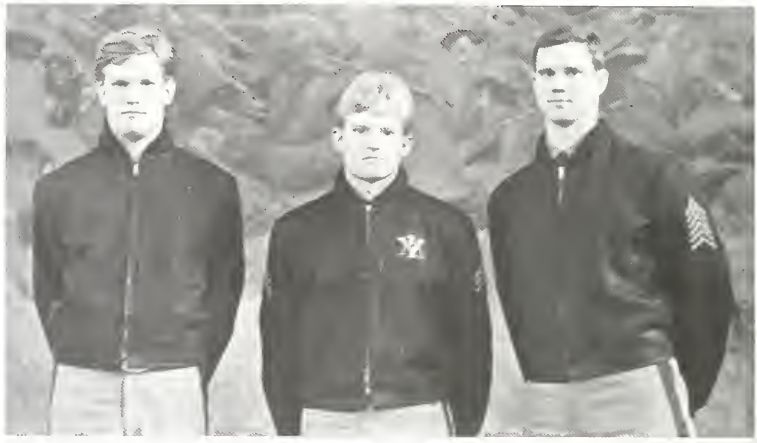








The Class Of 1978



Greg Beck President
John Bowman Vice President
Peter Dillon Historian

I won't attempt a class history, rather to paint with broad brushes a picture in words to give the impression of four years and the class of 1978. Paint it individual, paint it immature and paint concerned . We wanted to do what was right, even beyond tradition. Yet, we suffered no loss of pride in the traditions that V.M.I. possesses. Our experiences have provided, in Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey", "Life had food for future years. And so I dare to hope, though changed, no doubt from what I was when first I came among these hills; . . . more like a man flying from something that he dreads than one who sought the thing he loved." We that have found must learn to develop and we that have yet to seek must prepare ourselves.

I can't add the colors of the football and basketball championships that we can all share the glory of; I can't highlight the academic success and failure that we all endeavored. I can't apply the sparkle to the countless extracurricular activities we all participated in; the chances we took and the chances we didn't take. We all stood before the desk and recieved the penalty when caught or reveled in our success at not being caught.

Now to apply the signature to the painting of our lives here at V.M.I. Although it is finished, the memories will live on for us. During these past years we lived, grew, became educated and strived to prepare for an essential, equivalent illusory realty. Our realities, be they warmed by dreams or made cold by the harshness of life, do belong to us. Our life at V.M.I. has in ways seen and unseen strengthened our characters to meet the challenge of reality.

Peter J. Dillon






U.S. ARMY





William Henry Atwill Jr.
Richmond, Virginia
English- Navy
Private 4,3,2,1; CADET 3,2,1; Junior Editor 2; Consulting Editor 1; Symposium 3,1; Cadet Coordinated Symposium 1; English Society 3, 2,1; V-P 1; Overnight Guest Club 1; Southern Boy 4,3,2,1; Skoal 2,1.
Had God truly wanted to test the patience of Job, then VMI would have existed several thousand years ago. She has certainly tried mine. My efforts to leave VMI at the end of my rat year (132 demerits) proved more difficult than trying to stay. Despite this, one man at VMI has helped me to keep the four years in perspective- Tom Greet. My parents made it all possible, and I am deeply thankful for their patience and understanding in helping me climb out of this "pothole in the road of life." My strongest critic and most unwearing support was my grandmother. "Evil" Bob and Beta Theta Pi made weekends a bit more realistic. To my Brother Rats: "Y'all have a good one, its been a real pleasure to have known each one of you.
Dykes: '75 Todd Sain
'81 Dan Gallagher



Charles Edward Alphin
"Charlie", "Chuck", "Wild Man"
Buchannan, Virginia
History-Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Mst. Sgt./Color Sgt 2; 1st Lt., 1st Btn. S-4 1; Hop and Floor Committee 4,3,2,1; Fire Fighters 3,2; Fire Fighters S-1, 1; Civil War Roundtable 3,2; Association of the United States Army 2, Treasurer 1; Airborne, Distinguished Military Graduate.
In the fall of 1974, a lone figure from Buchannan approached the hallowed archway of the V.M.I. with visions of academic excellence and military grandeur. These visions soon turned to disillusionment upon introduction of the rat line and crushing academics. But the "Wild Man" seemed always to come through with flying colors and a 2.4 G.P.A. Upon our Third Class year Charlie was the leading member of the Lonely Hearts Club in room 304, but through his striving for rank and grades he took many of his frustrations out on his shoes and books. These frustrations got him Master Sgt and 1st Btn. S-4. Whatever the case, Charlie is the epitome of a B.R. His sympathetic ear and outgoing personality have left a mark on V.M.I. The future is his to conquer.
DYKES: 1975 William Gibson Houser
1981 Barry Gordon Beemer

Gregory Alan Arnett
"Bareback Rider", "B.B.R.", "Arnie"
New Paris, Ohio
Chemistry-Army (Armor)
Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Fellowship of Christian Atheletes; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1, OGA 1
To the unobservant, Greg was the meek, mild mannered Chemistry major always talking about hybrocarbons, or humbly saying "aw shucks" after a great football game at any number of positions. Only a small group knew his true identity: The famous bare back rider, that dauntless defender of the American way, Mom, apple pie, Old glory, Analka & sex. BBR came to earth from that distant land of New Paris, famous for bricklayers & devoted parents, and he has used his God given talents on anyone willing, available, female, & good looking. Ah, but more than one lass has left heartbroken as BBR remained so devoted to his "sugar plum" back in N.P.. It is said he picked up a guitar one day and 8 months later, still can't carry a tune in a bucket! He's played some fine football and has aspirations of being "Joe Chemist", We say good job in both areas. See ya in Florida.
Dykes 1975 Ron Bongiovanni
1981 Mike Rattie Bob Brugh







Charles Edward Alphin

Gregory Alan Arnett

William Henry Atwill Jr.



Craig Francis Badalaty
"Badman", "Chimp", "Badaldo", "Jalapeno", "Craiger"
Belford, New Jersey
Civil Engineering-Army, Engineer
Bomb, Art Editor 4; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Riding Team, Captain 2,1; Rangers 2; Mock Ring Construction Committee 1; Sports Parachute Club 2,1; SAME 2; Young Republicans 4,3.
"Fidel" brachiated into "Suite 382" after the Mikie fiasco. He signed a contract with a no cut clause before reading the fine print. Craig, I never know how you survived those sensitivity sessions.
The way you laughed in the face of adversity shone as you sipped champagne from your stoneless ring. I guess it was fitting that your Ring Figure was the best, demerits and all.
It's a wonder your graduating on time, because teaching a mandrill to speed read if time consuming, especially when the beast can't see beyond his nose. But then, if a mandrill can read- a chimp can surely use a calculator.
The revolving door in Grand Central Station is now motionless. In all seriousness, this place truly is indicitive of the foundation on which our friendship is built. The storm rages still, but each new wind is weak compared to those the structure has withstood.
DYKES: 1975 Russ Jackson, Mike Josylen
1981 Dave Harbison, Charlie Wilson



Bradley Richard Baker
"Bulldog", "Brad", "Bake"
Clear Lake, Iowa
History- Army (Armor)
Rugby 4,3,2,1; Big Dip Club 2,1; Summer School Eternals 4,3,2; MBC Raid 1; Blacksheep Rgby 1; Pervert Corner 3,2,1
I arrived at VMI all "fired up" and I leave it disillusioned, but the experiences were worth the troubles. Once on Ac Pro the only way out of here was Rugby . . . Remember Mardi Gras, Navy, Citadel and that Blacksheep team was liquidated . . . Step Off! In an attempt to follow in "papa bears" footsteps I'm now on my way. Through his guidance I am where I am today . . . wherever that may be. Thanks to the Boys of 112 and my roomate of 3½ years I made it . . . never again to return to Tech. Well Mom, "I told you so!"
DYKES: 1975 Bill Putman
1981 John Budde
Bob Underwood
1979 Mike Vela





Ollie Wilson Ayers
"Red Jr."
Miami, Florida
Electrical Engineering-Army Corps of Engineers
Cpl. 3; P.X. Asst. Mgr. 3; P.X. Mgr. 2; Rat Training 2,1; Number 1 Club 2; Mothers Day Massacre 2; Treas., IEEE, Pres., Amateur Radio Club 1; Baldwin Super Raid 1.
It's been a long road but I finally made it. As a Rat, I came for an education. I've left with that education and many friends I'll never forget. Many good times along with a little confinemant gave life a taint of excitement.
Thanks Mom and Dad. I did my best. Finally, thanks to Gayle, without you, us, and our future I couldn't have made it. Our time has finally come and I've never been sorry I waited.
Take care Ida and goodbye to the **"Hot Needle"**.
DYKES: 1975 Bob Keller
1981 Howard Conduff

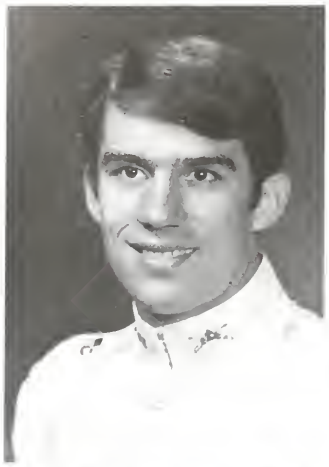




Ollie Wilson Ayers

Craig Francis Badalaty

Bradley Richard Baker





Richard Mark Bartosik
"Buck", "Barto", "Mongol", "Cheap Shot"
Monessen, Pennsylvania
Chemistry -Army (Armor)
Rugby 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3 Treasurer, 2, President, 1; American Chemical Society 4,3, Sec-Treasurer, 2, President, 1; Militaria Society 4,2,1; DMS, SNATDC 3,2,1; Waynesboro Club 3,2,1; Hockey Club 4,3; PX Breakfast Club 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; Ghetto 4; Zoo Crew Hockey Team 1; Vice Chairman, Third Class Follies.
In August of 1974, VMI was invaded by a Yankee. Realizing that he had to assume grey colors, he tried to slit his throat . . . and missed. In various sorties in the area he discovered Elspeth whom, we hope, knows how to keep his Iron city cold and his Marlboros lit. Reknowned for his drinking prowess, he was rarely in the environs of Waynesboro without a twelve ounce protuberance in his right hand. What he did to a half-gallon of Vodka Collins will be sung thru the ages in distilleries across the land. Buck, besides being a good drinking pal, has a heart as big as himself. Bro' Rat, I wish you nothing but the best, that and a few cheap shots to keep you in line. Take care of Elspeth and yourself.
DYKES: 1975 Vic Arthur
1981 Keith Baron



Keith William Barber
"Ali Barber", Mr. Goodbar, Keithums
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Army (Corp of Engineers)
Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4, Fellow Christian Athletes 4,3,2,1; ASCE Activities Chairman 1; Monogram Club 1
When "Mr. Goodbar" arrived at V.M.I. he was determined not to be stereotyped member of the Richmond Club, then he proceeded to be nobody's stereotype. Deciding that he wanted to get involved, he was a walk-on for the Big Red Team. By using the patented "one goal at a time" method, he was able to win a scholarship and eventually started complaining about his unrecognized talent. But one person was able to see Keithums talent. On November 8th, '75 he met a fair young lass from Salem. The deeper this relationship became the harder it became - to keep them apart. You have been a blessing to the three of us, and we hope the best for your future. Know what we mean? Ah, what the hell?

T.A.J.M., R.M.L., B.A.W
DYKES: 1975 "Jay Newcomer", John Maples, Dan Scultz
1978 David Openshaw, Phil Purdy

Jack Vincent Barnhill
"Boom Boom", "Barney"
HOPEWELL, Virginia
CE- Army (Engineer)
Fencing Team 4,2,1; 493 Club; Scouters Club *,?,¼,⅛: Ranger 3; Student Grotto 4,3,2; Air Explorer Post 2,1; Chairman-Mock- Ring Construction Committee 2,1; Ring Design Committee 2; Hop and Floor Committee 2,1; 280 Goouch Club; New Barracks water Hockey Team 1; Col. Buchanan Fan Club; Summer School Club 3,2,1; Fire Fighters 3; All- Pro Team 2.
Jack What can one say of Jack? He has Lindy; they have love. He was willing to suck up a lot of confinement, P.T's, and demerits for Lindy. That says a lot; they have love. But what can one say of Jack? The Strackest private in VMI's history? His fencing? His laughter? His Artistry? His goodness? His wit? But what of the quiet Jack? Helping in times of sadness, being there in times of silence. Of it all, say this: Jack's a man of duty, a man of help, a man of devotion, a man of love; a quiet man (but still waters run deep), an honorable man — a soldier. "I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, or the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend . . ." Tolkien
Thank you Bill and Russ.
DYKES: 1975 Ellett Morton Smith
1981 Greg D. White







Keith William Barber

Jack Vincent Barnhill

Richard Mark Bartosik

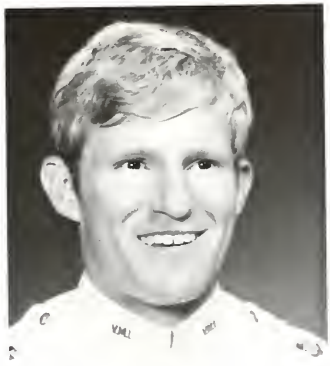


Charles Robert Beaver
"Bob", "Charlie", "Beav", "L.T."
Reseda, California
History- Civilian
Cpl. 3; MSgt./Pvt. 2; Pvt. 1; College Republican 4,1; Timmins Music Society 4,3,2,1; V. Pres Timmins Society 2; Rat Training 2; Militaria Society 3,2,1; Cadre 2,1
Four years of grief, happiness, sadness, bad times and good times typify an average cadet's life here at VMI. But how can one express in words Charles Robert Beaver's cadetship and his relationship with us? Many thoughts stick out in my mind: Raleigh and ice cream at five o'clock in the morning; the P.I. and "we'll camp here", College Park and a fat chaperone; New York and an eighteen dollar cocktail (??) and, last but not least, "BEAT THE BEAVER" (we know who dominated that competition, don't we).
Bob endured hardship after hardship, many of which would have meant defeat for a lesser man. This attitude will make him successful in any endeavor that he chooses, and I wish you all the luck in the world, Bob. The time for our paths to part is finally here- but the past four years will be with me forever. So long BRO.
DYKES: 1975 Bohon



Charles Robert Beaver





Gregory Alan Beck
"Greg", "G", "The Kid", "O-B-1", "Clark Kent", "Beckovich"
Akron, Ohio
English - Army (Armor)
We referred to him simply as "Beck". He let a third classman come to our Ring Figure. he thought he was king but we knew better. An astute English major, Greg is credited with discovering the "laws of water". Greg's deepest darkest secret was his abnormal affection for old ladies; he's been known to approach them in bars (unsucessfully) and to hurl projectiles at them behind their backs. Mary Worth and Farrah are his heroins. It's true. Greg is writing a book about learning the guitar entitled "The Leech" He could not hang the "Beat S" contest, but don't blame it on "M". True he had a sweet football-ass and would've played, but B.T. found out he was a Christian. He had equal success with Farrah posters and Chris. He served confinement once in his cadetship and marched in parades even less. As a 2Lt. he led 112 in the rape of T.B. Course, Greg led **all** the raids. Always blamed and never thanked, thanked hell! He didn't do anything! Actually, he did alot, and those who knew him fully appreciated his efforts and his successes.
DYKES: 1975 Mike Soares
1981 Bob Morris
Nels Kloster
Farrah Fawcett

Gregory Alan Beck

Timothy Reed Berkhimer
"Tim", "T-Berk"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Navy
Hop & Floor Committee 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew Hockey Club 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; RDC Cadre 1; Victoria 3,2,1; Sans Pantalon 2; OGA 1.
When I first walked through Jackson Arch that hot August day four years ago, graduation seemed so far distant. Now, as my time at the "Big I" draws to a close, I look back on it and realize that, yes, it was worth it. From a group of total strangers came men to be my closest friends; Mark, Bill, Jim, Bruce, and Tim. We've shared many good times together and also some not-so-good times.
Academics, along with many weeks of confinement, had me wanting to leave many times. I want to express my love and many, many thanks to my mom and dad and Victoria. Without them I would not be writing this today.
In May, I will leave the Institute not only with a diploma in my hand, but also with a great love and respect for VMI and all she has done for me, in my heart.
Good luck to brothers Kirk ('80) and Kelly ('84)!
DYKES: 1975 Mike Thompson
1981 Paul Boulden

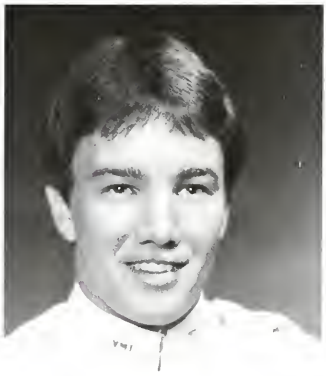




Timothy Reed Berkhimer



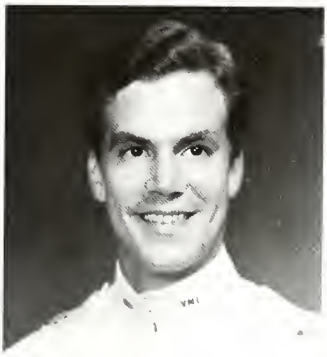
Edgar McKinley Blythe
"Chippy", "Kiddo", "Rah Rah", "The Peanut-butter Man", "Blithefully"
Seoley, Virginia
History Air Force/Missles
Private 4,3,2,1; "41 Club" 4,3,2,1; Founder and Charter Member, Pebble Beach Fun in the Sun Club; Hop and Floor Committee 4,3,2 President 1; BSU 4,3; TCFC 3,2; Arnold Air Society 4,3; Rugby 2,1; Posit Committee 1; Keydet Waiter 1.
Ken's VMI career was highlighted by a pair of burning romances, and when these wild affairs combined with his carefree attitude, they produced VMI's head "Be-Bopper". Despite a certain affinity for attracting demerits, "The Rah-Rah" still managed to enjoy life. At times frustration set in, and the cry "Why me Lord?" echoed through Room 141, but he avoided the clutches of anxiety and frustration by hiding safe and sound on his little cloud. Being of sound military fiber, his positions of Hop-and-floor President and Cadet Waiter were utilized extensively, mostly by the delegation of authority and the neverending search for replacements. Ken brought VMI an example of "True Brother Ratism" and leaves a couple stoopie barrels full of status slips from Sammy Ratcliffe.
"A hug and a kiss to you, Jill,
Oh, and a hearty handshake to you, "Kid"."
Munch, Steve, Jim
"Thanks for everything Mom & Pop"
DYKES: 1975 "Fast" Ed Richter
1979 "Nut" Truitt, "Pud" Hudgins, "Stereo" Eliades
1981 "Strain" Clay Wommack



Edgar McKinley Blythe

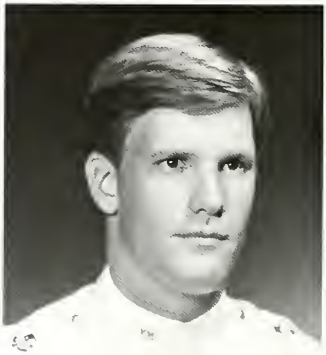
Thomas Nelson Booker
"Ratshittymonkeyfoots', "Book"
Altavista, Virginia
Economics- Army (Infantry)
Football 4, H.O.D. 4,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Number One Club 2; Charter Member of Nichols Bar & Grill 2; O.G.A. 1; Pinball Wizard 4; Society of Young Economist's 1.
One year of finding out what a socially deprived education is like, another year of growing up on my own, then one more year of being socially deprived again (Thank God for the Summertime!). Now, I am beginning to learn what there is to life, besides confinement and PT's, and appreciate, now more than ever, the opportunities I have had to experience some of life's little pleasures. but, most of all, I am thankfull for the life long friends I have made and the people I have been able to help, especially myself. Laus Deo.
DYKES: 1975 Chip Louthan
1981 Tim Hesson





Thomas Nelson Booker





John Allen Bowman
"Bo-Bo"
Richmond, Virginia
English-Army (Armor)
We come, we know not why
We search, we know not what for
And time, she has no empathy
For what one queries for
Yet, maintain the fight ye hopeful!
Give upnot the quest
One's peace comes not with answers
But in a noble striving for
And now it is time to go,
I know . . .
DYKES: 1975 John H. Whitworth
1981 Joseph W McCarthy, James Irby

John Allen Bowman



Mark Robert Bottomly
"Bottomless", "Rosie", "Evil Eye #2", "Buttly, "One-Shot", "Cheap-Shot"
Roanoke, Virginia
English- Navy (Aviation)
CADET 2, Layout Editor 1; Cadet Waiters 3,2, Head Waiter 1; Hockey Club Secretary 3; Rugby 3,2,1; Flag Football 2,1; Gilliam Sleep Lab 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew Hockey Club 1; SNATDC 3,2,1; Harrah 2,1; Pvt. 4,2,1, Cpl. 3.
Mark has been "Bucking" the system since his first run-in with the Commandant in the fall of '74. Too bad he didn't salute. Mark has gone through all the trials and tribulations of a cadet but always seemed to take things a bit too personal. Somehow he always seemed to come out smelling like a rose. He's led a charmed existence when considering all of the possible bones he may have had. Of course, Mark has had his share. Just ask Simple. Hollins girls aren't worth it. Mark never thought about running the block. He insisted that if you think about it you'll get caught. Many a happy night was spent at Spanky's after taps. Mark is a good B R. He helped one cadet remain in school during a time of hardship. That cadet will always remember.
DYKES: 1975 Artie Nunn
1981 Garrett C. Collins
William J. McDonald

Michael Anthony Bragale
"Mike", "Wop", "Beagle", "Mr. Broccolli"
Potomac, Maryland
Economics-Air Force
Newman Club 4,3; Society of Young Economists 1; Glee Club 3; International Relations Club; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; OGA 1.
Writing a personal history for someone would be a very difficult task, but that is not the case with Mike. He is a very colorful guy with a character all his own. I will remember him long after I graduate from VMI. He is probably the most persistent individual that I have ever known, with a wit that is matched by only a very few. Mike has the bold self-confidence and the fierce competitive spirit of a race horse. Mike, although it is a shame that all races are run on an oval track, I hope you will win them all! Remember, just seventy-five years ago . . .
DYKES: 1975 Devery S. Miller
1981 Brian Phillips

James Gary Braswell
"The Braz", "Azz", "Buzwell"
Newport News, Virginia
Biology-Air Force (Pilot)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; First Lt. 1; Arnold Air Society 4, Aviation Explorer Post 3, Pres. 2,1; BSU 4,3,2, Council Member 1; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; Pre-Med Society 3,2.
Well, after four long years it feels good to be a human again. I came to VMI never having set eyes on the place. Many times I wish that was still true; yet deep down I'm glad I did see. Time seems to erase the bad and retain the good. If this is true then matriculation seems only yesterday.
Thanks BSU for constantly reminding me of what is really important in life. Mike Edwards, Bill, Jack, Ed, Robby, Andy, Mike, Keith, Jeff, and Jim -- keep the faith baby.
Brion, stay away from blondes, I'll stay away from brunettes. Good luck Mark and Dave. Sandra, maybe it could have been.
Thanks Mom, Dad and brothers for all the love and support. I love you very much.
Thanks Mom and Dad for the chance to be what I want to be.
DYKES: 1975 Keith Frey
1981 Dick Wiggs
Tom Wiggs









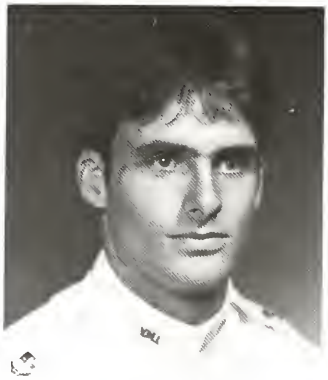


Mark Robert Bottomly

Michael Anthony Bragale

James Gary Braswell

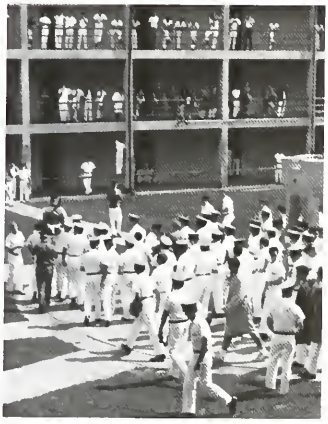




Ernest L. Brown
"Butch", "Bitch", "Apollo", "Georgia Kid", "Blue Max"
Augusta, Georgia
Biology-Medical Service Corps
Soccer 4,3,2; Track 4; Baseball 4,1; Lacrosse 3, Boxing Instructor 3,2; Cadet Recreation Committee 2,1; VP Ski Club 3,2,1; Pre Med Society 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; H-Berg Kids 4,3,2,1; DMS/DMG; Commandant's Honor List; Apathy Club 4,3,2,1.

"When a man has met his match, he must go beyond his limits" This is indeed a statement that will concern us for the rest of our lives. If we are to be successful, each and everyone of us must go ". . . beyond our limits". Throughout the course of our lives, while attending VMI, many of us went beyond our limits frequently. Not only in academics, but sports as well. Thus, success will become "second-nature". At this time, I would like to thank my family for everything they have done for me. I love them all very much. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Health for putting up with me. Finally, my love; Fayth. Need I say anymore!

DYKES: 1975 Charlie Kaune
1981 Randy Ferris



Michael Raymond Braunstein
"Stein" ,Bubbles","Einstein","Mike","Romeo", "Stain","Brains"
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
CE-Army Engineer
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Airborne, Ranger, Riding Team 4; Stars 4,3,2; Orienteering Club 2; President 1, APS 2,1; Sigma Pi Sigma 2,1, Timmins Music Society 2,1, ASCE 3,2,1; Student Grotto 1, 500 Mile Club; Color Guard 2, Rangers 3,2,1, Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1, Viking 1, DMS, OGA 1

"Every Bird Has its decoy and every man is led and misled in a way peculiar to Himself."
Goethe

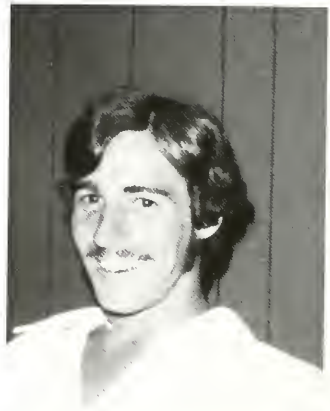
DYLES 1975 Dave Bohon, Dave Applin, Bob Hughes
1981 Tim Newkirk, Johann Cooper, Ray Moschler

John Chrisman Brock
"Quincy", "JC", "R. General"
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army(Engineering)
Pvt 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Tennis 4,3,2 Cpt. 1, O.G.A 1; Monogram Club 1; SEM Raiders 1; 1st Ranking Pvt 1; Bugle Slayer 1

The fact that Chris was one of the last rats in Charlie Co. to get a haircut on those fateful days in August of 1974 had more significance than I ever dreamed. Since that time, Quincy has been the most dedicated anti-military, anti-shine person I have ever known. From his funloving attitude, he has advanced all the way to first-ranking pvt. in the Corps, and I only wish I had the guts to grow my hair as long as he does.

From the beginning, all Chris wanted to do was play tennis, keep a low profile and graduate with a CE degree. It looks like as though he's made it. We've had some good times, some hellacious conversations and I don't regret knowing him in the least. Billy, Bruce and I will miss you.

DYKES: 1975 Charlie Kaune
1981 Mike Colgan







Michael Raymond Braunstein

John Chrisman Brock

Ernest L. Brown









Robert Wayne Brown
"Bob", "Brownie", "What Color is . . ." "R.W."
Hopewell, Virginia
CE-Army (Infantry)
AIT 4,3,2; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2; Cpt. 1; RDC President 1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 4,3,2,1; Airborne School 3; Ranger Platoon 2; X.O.1; Rum Truckers 4,3,2,1; College Republicans 4; DMS-DMG 1; Number "2" Club 3; ASCE 3,2,1; Pervert Court 2,1; MBC Raid 2,1
Bob came to VMI from Kepone City. Rising quickly through the ranks and even faster back down, "The man with the Velcro Stripes" became the highest ranking private not once, but twice. From Sally Port to Gold Coast, he finally found his nook in Pervert Corner. Many weekends were celebrated courtesy of Jim Beam and Jean. After a memorable Ring Figure and the subsequent confinement, he settled down (at least thats what the records say) until the night of the forty dollar raid. First class year arrived and found Bob a cadet captain. Bets were placed on how long the stripes would last, but he kept the big ones aainst all the odds makers. How can you put four years in one paragraph. Bob has proved himself a leader, a hell raiser, and a good friend. Those of us who know him know he will always be on top. Best of luck to the future for you You made my VMI experience the best ever.
DYKES: 1975 Bernie Cobb
1981 Rick Littlefield
Charlie Schesuenter

Robert Wayne Brown

Thomas Allen Brown
"Easy Bear", "E-Z", "Bear", "J"
Crofton, Maryland
History- Army (Armor)
Swimming Team 4,3,2,1; Water Polo 4,3; Baseball 3,2; Cadre 3,1; AUSA 2,1; Cadet 4,3; Monogram 1; Peverts Corner 3,2,1; F Troop; OGA 1.
I came to VMI to become one of the many to make it through the "healthful and pleasent abode." Forewarned of what was to come I did not believe it could be "that" bad. Looking back it wasn't. The years here were by no means easy, but with the help of many I have reached the end. Living the past four years of VMI with Terry has been unique. He helped to make this place something to remember. A better friend can not be found. The support from home always kept my spirits up, thanks. It is difficult to mention all the people who have made VMI worth it. I would like to say how much one special person helped get me through the thick and thin of VMI. Thanks Pat.
DYKES 1975 Perry Stump
1981 Noel Williams
John Keene



Thomas Allen Brown



Garrison C. Brumback
"Garry", "Wideload"
Economics - Army (Infantry)
Sports Editor 1; Cheerleaders 3,2; 225 Pub Club 4, Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2, Lt 1; Intramural Football 3,2,1; Muff Buffs; Gay Cabellaros; Loberers; Super Summer '77; O.G.A 1.
What can one say about this man? Garry arrived at V.M.I. thinking it was a school that required blue jeans and no shoes. The shock was astounding. The shock produced one of the greatest guys The V.M.I. has ever had within its hallowed gates. Rooming with Garry for three years has definitely been an experience. From the frats of Madison College to the massage parlors of Richmond,Garry has treated many with his "raw" personality. We've seen Gary turn the rank structure here at V.M.I. into something more than worthwhile during our first class year. All of us who have come to know and love Garry or even hear the shuffeling of his feet can be assured that V.M.I. was well worth the effort, sweat, worry, and laughter to become brothers with him. YO Garry, I'll buy!
DYKES: 1975 Larry LaMonte
1981 Bobby Bobbitt, Ken Herbert, Don Mitchell, Jim Ovca

Garrison C. Brumback



William Marcelius Bryant III
"Marc", "Marcus", "Coach", "Munchkin Marine"
Richmond, Virginia
History- Marine
Glee Club 4; International Relations Club 3; Marine Detachment 4,3,2,1; Cot Patrol 3; Sgt. 2; Rat Training 3; Cold Steel Charlie Fan Club 4,3,2,1; 9 P.M. PX Discussion Club; Honor Roll 2; NROTC Scholarship 2,1; Cadre 3,2; OGA 1.
On August 21, 1974 Marc Bryant, gentleman of the south, signed the register and took his first step into the V.M.I. system. He shortly got his first taste of the system when he got stuck with two yankee room-mates. Four years later and one yankee less much has happened. Despite the difficulties and a slow start Marc was soon off to a very successful cadetship. He held rank all third and second class years, he achieved the Dean's list and was awarded a Navy scholarship, and he developed into an irreplaceable friend, even if two trips to New York hasn't cured his Appomattox complex. Good luck and continued success always, but remember no matter what you say the north did win the war
DYKES: 1975 John Moschetti
1981 Jesse Seawell



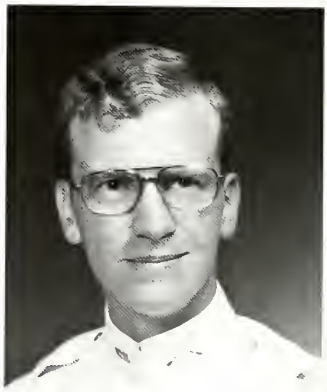
William M. Bryant III

Wadsworth Bugg III
"Wads", "Burrhead"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineers)
CADET Circulation Staff 3,2,1; Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Treasurer 2; Co-captain 1; Private 4,3,2,1; Richmond Club 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
Wads left Richmond on a beautiful morning a few years ago heading for Lexington and the good times lying ahead. Unfortunately W&L was full and he was forced to head up Letcher Avenue for his education. Burrhead vowed not to let this hamper his learning process and his subsequent nocturnal adventures to nearby Honey Hostels always left enough energy for Ho-Ho's Saturday morning max.
Wad's standing in NEB has changed his plans for more than one summer but somehow he'll manage to stumble across the stage in May and into a successful career as a physicist in the holy city.
I would like to thank all my friends, Mom and Dad, and that special girl in my life for helping me through. Thank God it is over.
DYKES: 1975 Dean Armstrong
1981 "Light Horse" Harry Lee
The "Real" McCoy
197? Bo Grant





Wadsworth Bugg III





Robby Wray Burke Jr
"Burko", "Rob", "The Flash", "Rack Monster"
Savannah, Georgia
History- Army (Infantry)
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Cadet Staff 4, Baptist Student Union 4,3,2,1; Social Chairman 3; Vice-President 2, Community Ministries Chairman 1; Debate Team 4,3,2,1, Secretary/Treasurer 2; Captain 1; Firefighters 3; Religious Council 3; S-5 Public Info-Staff 4,3,2; Karen Myers Fan Club 2,1.
Why anyone would pass up North Georgia and come to the Big I is beyond us, but nevertheless he arrived here just like the rest of us, on August 21, 1974. His Rat year passed as he succeeded in keeping a low profile, however, with his third class year he emerged as his full self, and became active in many V.M.I. functions (except during rack attacks, when he would be rendered motionless for hours). Never spending two weekends in one place, he amazed everyone with night-before term papers and all night cram sessions that were always successful. The second class year brought Karen, to which he will always be in the B.S.U.'s debt. With the maturation of a first class year, we end by saying it has been a privilege and an honor. Good luck, Robby-knock 'em dead. Romans 8:38-39
DYKES: 1975 Craig Erikson
1981 Paul Davis

Robert Wray Burke Jr.



STEVEN GRANT BURNS
"STEVIE, BOO-BOO"
Owensboro, Kentucky
Economics-Air Force (Pilot)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; B.S.U. 4,3,2; Military Society 3,2; Timmins Music Society 3,2,1; FIP 1; Virgin Privates Club.
Stevie entered V.M.I. with one goal (in mind): to become an Air Force Pilot. It has remained throughout and been attained
One's thirdclass year is probably the toughest, and we almost lost Steve during ours. With great fortitude he changed majors, fought off Major Brenci, and coped with Greg Booker. He has proved himself to all those who know him, becoming a loyal and close friend. May God be with you
Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds - and dons a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trad
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.
J.G. Magee, Jr
DYKES: 1975 Rick Davison
1981 Lee Ackiss



Steven Grant Burns





Joseph Richard Cafarella, Jr
"Joe", "Keydet Cruiser", "J.R."
Malden, Massachusetts
MA/CE (double major)- Air Force
Private 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; D Co.; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; New York-New Jersy Club 4,3,2,1; V.P. 2; Pres 1; Varsity Swim Team 4,3,2,1; CoCaptain 1; "Dirty Dozen 2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Airborne; Courtyard Gymnastics Squad 1; Posit Committee 1; Dyke School 1; OGA 1; MBC Raid 2,1
It's been a long four years and I've seen Joe excell academically, athletically, and socially throughout his cadetship. I never could figure out how he managed to be a double-major, a star sprinter on the Swim Team, an Airborne stud, and still make Dean's List ever semester. Congratulations
Joe has something not many people have- a sense of achievement, dedication, modesty, and true "Brother Rat Spirit"
I still haven't figured out what "Elephant grass and Pigmy grass" means and why he said "Take the pick off your block" before swimming. You just have the right mental attitude. I suppose that he is "the Joe Cafarella" and nobody can beat that. Good Luck Joe
— Thanks alot Mom, Dad, Jim, Bont, Marlon, Rhonda (you're so sweet) - I hope you stay that way all the way), and all my BR's and friends. Good Luck Always
Dykes: 1975 Ken Miller
1981 Harry Moore, Bont (Buzz) Tulbert

Joseph Richard Cafarella Jr.

David Mason Cameron
"Big Red", "Red Neck"
King George, Virginia
Electrical Engineering- Navy
CADET Staff 4, Firefighters 3; 1st Sgt Firefighters 2; CIC Firefighters 1, IEEE 2,1; Dean's List 3,2; Third Class Finance Committee 3,2; Corporal 3; Sgt-M Sgt 2; 1st Lt, 2nd Batt. S-4 1.
When Dave came double-clutching into VMI a couple of summers ago he couldn't decide whether he wanted to be a truck driver, a sailor, or an electrical engineer like his idol Dr. Inigo. Now 3 years, and many beer-filled Saturday nights later, we don't think he still knows. Some things we do know is that he likes to have a good time as often as possible, and he likes to drive his van. His van, we might add, seems to magically appear after every weekend with yet another window cut in it, and polished to a high gloss. Dave could rightly be remembered as a person who could fix anything from a watchband to an automobile engine, but more likely he will be remembered as a hard worker whose perserverence led him to excel in both the military and academic aspects of VMI.
DYKES: 1975 Doug Harvey
1981 Jeff Carter





David Mason Cameron





Robert John Checca
"Checks", "Wachecca"
Oyster Bay, New York
History Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; pvt 1; Bomb Staff 3; Managing Editor 2; Editor 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Editor of Ring Figure Book 2; Editor of 1978 Bullet; Publications Board 2,1; Chairman of the Board 1; OGA 1; Apartment 116; Gangster Club;
It's easy to write what others have already written a hundred times before about a person, but the most difficult things to write are the things that come deep from your heart. Over a period of years I have realized what a true friend can be. It's a person that is with you through good times as well as times that seem to be almost unbearable. Times around the "I" are always unbearable to the point that many don't survive but, for those that stay and finally graduate the most important memories are of the close friends they have made. "Checks" is not just a friend, for the simple fact that friends are close acquaintances. He is the warmest, most determined, and unselfish person I have ever known or possibly ever will know. Bob is not just a friend, or a B.R., in my heart, he's a part of my family. A person that I love as much as my own brother. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Checca, you made it all possible.

JAH '78

Dykes 1975 John "the Count" Verriker
1981 Bobby Munno



Paul Edwin Campbell
"Dimple"
Parkersburg, West Virginia
History- Army (Engineer)
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Military Society 4,3; Firefighters 3,2,1; Cadet Staff 4,3; Scuba Club 1.
"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Robert Frost "The Road Not Taken"
Being an Army Brat, Paul was always sure he wanted to make the Army his career. he could have gone to Ohio U. but chose VMI instead, much to the delight of his family. The long road to graduation has not been easy and has required a great deal of sustained effort over the past four years. We have watched Paul grow in maturity, wisdom, experience and leadership ability, and it is with a great deal of love and pride that we look forward to the end of this "untrodden path" and his graduation. The memories and friendships of his Brother Rats from VMI will enhance his life, whatever lies ahead in the future
DYKES: 1975 Rodney Low, Eddie "Fast Ed" Richter III
1980 Keith Stewart
1981 Kevin Canfeild, Nick Savage

Ronald Carter, Jr.
"Rockin Ron"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Economics- Air Force
Captain- Basketball Team; Track Team; Posit Committee; Fellowship of Christian Atheletes; Promaji; Cdt Captain (Bn. Commander); Virginia State Black Student Coalition; Monogram Club.
August of '74, a tearful good-bye.
One last kiss, one more sigh.
January '75, the celebrations grand.
No longer a rat, yet still not a man.
75-76, VMI, Southern Conference Champs.
Help to soothe, help to ease, those third class cramps
November 76, Part-a, Ring Figure here.
I'll be damn, I made it, no more fear.
Shelley Goode, full of affection, bubbling with charm.
Right on time, she's my heart, she makes the cold days warm.
Champs again, much hard work, not a great surprise.
All-American, Battalion Commander, academic highs.
I'm a man, acting as such, treat me that way.
Let me decide, don't like the games, buy a toy for play.
My color's black, that's no mistake, I'm very proud of that.
May 20th, with God's help, as proud a brother rat.
DYKES 1975 Paul Blair
1981 Bernie Banas, John Goode, Doug Kennedy





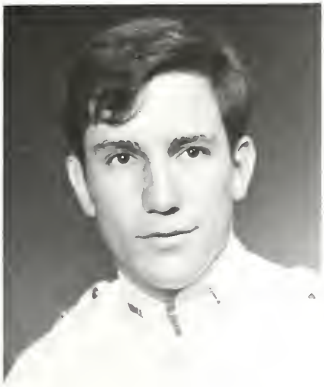


Paul Edwin Campbell

Ronald Carter Jr.

Robert John Checca





Damian Andrew Colden
"DAC", "Ace", "Darling Dac"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Navy
CADET Newspaper 4,3; Wrestling 4,3,2; ASCE 3,2,1; Ski Club 3,2,1; VMI Corvette Club (unorg.) 2,1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4,2,1, Unauthorized Vehicle 3,2; Second Stoop Pub Club 4,2; Barracks Bomber 2; Firefighters 2,1; Early Morning Hunt 2,1; Buffalo Creek Rock Painting Group 2; Marshall and Colden Enterprises 1; Zoo Crew 4,2,1; FTX 4; MBC Commuter's Club 2,1; Hop Weekend Cookout Club 3,2,1; Color Guard 2; Belly Sliding Bronze Medal Winner 1
In the three years that I've know Dac here at the "I", alot of memorable events have passed our way. With the weekends at Bryce playing golf, tennis, and skiing to trying to keep an "obvious" corvette hidden uptown. From many days in the mountains, to a few days on confinement, and of course don't forget all the round trips to MBC in which alot of good weekends have passed by. From pulling out at DRC on Saturday until returning by taps on Sunday, Dac's always had an inept way of squeezing evry possible minute out of those short 35 hour weekends. Keep M+C Enterprises in mind, (hats, shields, etc.) and after a 6 year stint with the Navy we'll get together and make that first million. Thanks for being a great roommate and friend.
Andy
DYKES: 1974 Charles J. Collins
1981 Nick G. Sysock

Damian Andrew Colden



Ivan Waymon Coleman
"Ivan", "CHOP", "THE BIG A", "Jivan", "Van"
Roanoke, Virginia
Physics-Air Force
Pvt. 4,1, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Fencing Team Manager 3,2,1, Society of Physics Students 4,3,2,1; Chairman 2, President 1; Civil War Roundtable 4, Zoo Crew 3,2,1, Guardian of the Arch 2,1, THE BLACK HAND 4, OGA 1
The first time I met Ivan was at a Physics picnic for "rats". He was the life of the party then and continued to be so for the next four years. Being a physics major, he had his work cut out for him in the next four years. He attacked the field of Physics with a scientific mind that couldn't be beat. In his third class year he decided to perform his own research so he built an electro-magnetic gun in hope of shooting holes in the walls of the Physics building. The gun never worked but Ivan almost succeeded in electrocuting himself. After that incident his projects consisted of not much more than changing a light bulb. The potential has always remained, however, so look out world, IVAN'S COMING.
DYKES: 1975 Dave Mund
1981 Dave L. Richards
Will Kerschner



Ivan Waymon Coleman





David Mayo Colonna
"Dave"
Grafton, Virginia
Biology- Army (Armor)
Second Class Honor Court Representative; Honor Court Vice-President 1, Posit Committee 1; Cross Country 4, Indoor Track 4, Intramural Basketball 2; Intramural Handball 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt. 1; Jim Leech Fan Club 4,3,2,1, Charter Member of the Committee to Study the Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Cadets 4,3,2,1.
While in the process of succeeding and distinguishing himself in every aspect of the VMI experience, Dave, throughout it all, somehow managed to maintain about the most cheerful and pleasent personality of anyone I have ever known. The standing joke among my roommates and I is that if the world was coming to an end Dave, while disappearing into a crack in the earth, would still manage a smile and a friendly wave. Nobody in my experience has shown such a dedication to his work and his aspirations. He has dominated the Biology curriculum (while I ran a poor second) and has, by his election to the Honor Court, shown the high opinion his classmates have for him. He has done everything he set out to do, and has made us and his teachers very proud to know him.
The best of everything, Dave. May all your dreams come true. JJL
DYKES: 1975 Bob Hughes
1981 Gregg Lynam

David Mayo Colonna





Thomas Hugh Crawford
"The Big "P""
Milky Way, Cosmos
English- Bolivian Coast Guard
Monogram 4,3,2,1, Football 4; Track 4; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4,3,2,1; member Party's weight and barbell club 2,1; Who's Who among American College Derelicts Today 1; English Society 2,1; Provisional member of Estelle's Social Club; member "The Ball Brothers" 3,2,1.
Well, What can I say but thanks from the bottom of my heart to all of those who suffered with me, especially Tim, Ray, Steve Party, Harry, (Ziggy) Jay, Oscar, Wit, Billy, Kite, Phil, Jeff, Shorty, Hank, and too many others to name.
"It was undoubtely the feeling of exile - that sensation of a void within, which never left us, that irrational longing to hark back to the past of else to speed up the march of time, and those keen shafts of memory that stung like fize."
Camus
Dykes; 1975 Oscar Richardson
1981 Timmy Dean



James Lee Conrad
"Jim", "Jimmy", "Jimbo"
Newmanstown, Pennsylvania
English-Air Force
Pvt 4,3,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Editor, SOUNDING BRASS 2,1; CADET staff 2,1; Vice-pres. Pre-law Society 2,1; Militaria Society 3; English Society 3,2,1; Harrah, Inc 3,2; SNATDC 3,2,1; Young Democrats 4; Tanker Platoon 3; Fencing 4, Publications Board 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew Hockey Club 1; Der Krummer Fan Club 4,3.
On a warm, sunny day 4 years ago the kid from "NEWMASTOW" walked through Jackson Arch with the belief that when he graduated he would forever be a confirmed bachelor and begin an exciting 30 year tour as a pilot for the Air Force. Well, it's been 4 years and he almost lived up to his expectations. Now he is looking forward to when his 4 year stint will be over so he, and his bride-to-be, Sue, can settle down as a lawyer in a rural town south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Jim, as your roommate of three years I can look back over some really good times at the Cockpit, P.I., Pizzaria, and 7½ N Jefferson and of course the infamous push-mobile from our Sweet Briar days. Take care in the future, seek peace from within yourself and pursue it with others. L'hietraot
DYKES 1975 Scott Risser
1981 Mike Sanders

Stephen Carl Craig
"The Head Crazy", "Furlough Craig", "Juh"
Harrisburg, Ohio
Biology- Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Fencing Team 4,3,2,1, Capt 1; Civil War Round Table 4; Class Treasurer; Pre-Medical Society 2,1; President 1; A.U.S.A. 2,1; Fire Fighters 2,1; Skoal Club; Leslie 4,3,2,1; Academically Extinguished; Who's Who in American Hay Racks; Bio. Study Buddy; DMS.
Steve amble through the gates of Mother Institute different from most, for he had tasted of the forbidden fruit- a year at a real college. It is this fact that sent a resounding cry from every first classmans room on that warm August night: Why? In the days,months, and years that passed, young Craig also looked west across the fruitless field of Ox to the forboding Tower of The Wizard and asked this same question. The answer: Bone youself Craig! Yet in our four years here Steve has proved a true gem amid mounds of colored glass. Perseverance and enduring faith have raised him over many problems. His attitude has rubbed off on those of us who have known him, and it is us who are the better. P.S. The second paragraph will cost you a cold six, Gem!
DYKES. 1975 Doug Dunlap
1978 John Holloway
Norman Pittman







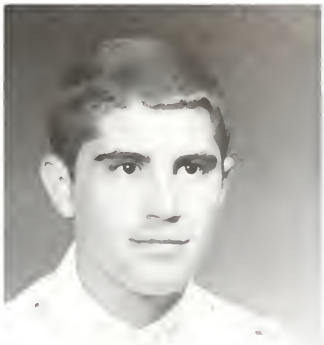
James Lee Conrad

Stephen Carl Craig

Thomas Hugh Crawford









James Dillon Cure
"Jim", "JUH"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Biology-Air Force
Varsity Swimming 4,3; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Pre Med Society 3,2,1; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically distinguished 2,1; First Class Honor Court Representative 1; Bio. Study Buddy 4,3,2,1; Kathy 4,3,2,1.
Coming from the party-hearty town of Lynchburg, Jim entered this gothic country club with enthusiasm. After a week of the "Big I" cuisine, he asked the basic question: Where do I check out of this hotel? Getting no response, he stayed, and made his home down in the dark recesses of the House of Bios. Here, one could find him trudging up the hill of science; a member in good standing of the Bio. Late Night Study Buddies. Jim soon realized that if VMI couldn't be taken out of the cadet, the cadet would have to taken out of VMI. Hence, each weekend he blitzed for Kathy and the perfect party. Now as a first classman, Cure-j spends the night in his room, with a full cooler at his feet and cassettes within reach, contemplating where to take FCP.
DYKES: 1975 Jim Seitz
1981 Ed Boylan

Nelson Clyde Jones Curtis
"N.C.T.", "Clyde", "C.J."
Petersburg, Virginia
History- Navy (Surface Line)
Varsity Swimming 4,3,2,1; Co-Captain 1; Water Polo 4; Monogram Club; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Cadet Publications 2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; 1st Lieutenant 1.
To write down in 140 words the experiences of four years is a great impossibility and there fore I will not endeavor to do so. Coming to V.M.I. in the summer of '74, I knew that there were many things ahead of me that I would not like, but the good points still overshadow them. I cherish the friendships of my teamates and BR's for these people have made life here so much more bearable. However, most of all I prize the roomates I have had for the last few years. Men like Pete, Glen, and Lenny, as well as P.D., Ron and Snare will always be a large and significant part of my memories here. To them should go the best of everything for they are the best. Thanks to them, Ralph, Arnie, and my family for getting me through.
DYKES: 1975 Ralph Simmons
1978 Ted Sweetland





Glenn Raymond Dallinger
"Glenn", "Butch", "Airborne"
Germantown, Maryland
CE- Army (Engineers)
Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 1Lt. 1, B Co. XO; ASCE 3,2,1; SAME 2,1, President 1; Firefighters 2; Airborne School; Pervert Corner 2,1; DMS-DMG; Posit Commitee 3.
Glenn came to VMI with two goals, rank and 3.0's. He got the rank and at last report he is just .04 away from the 3.0. Steadfastly avoiding confinement (until his demise at Ring Figure), managing to avoid women (until the end of his 3rd Class year), even avoiding barracks rowdyism (well, until he moved to pervert corner). Through all this Glenn managed to come out on top (Re: Midwinters). Glenn has been a geat roommate and B.R., always willing to stand by in any crisis (women, grades, women, booze, women). With a commision in the Army in his immediate future, I know Glenn will bring the success he has enjoyed at the "I". All the best of luck Glenn and remember your Motto
Once A King
Always A King
But Once A Knight is Enough
DYKES: 1975 John Offley
1981 Steve Shaffer

James Dillon Cure

Nelson Clyde Jones Curtis

Glenn Raymond Dallinger





Earl Vincent DeCarli
"Chip", "Earl"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History-Army (Infantry)
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Rat Disciplinary Committee 1; Dean's List
How do you begin to summarize four years of work, pain and good times? Why I stayed, I guess only the future will tell. Because I certainly don't have the answers right now. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends both here at school and at home for all their help and concern. I also want to thank the Mead family for their kindness and generosity in giving me a home away from home which will long be remembered and appreciated. And most especially I want to thank my Parents for without their love and support I could never have made it through this difficult experience.
Dykes: 1975 John Prior
1981 Jeff White
Bruce Kitchen

Earl Vincent Decarli





Timothy Joseph Patrick DeSalvo
"DeSalvobacca", "Wookie" (of moderate distinction), "Chewey", "Sugar tits"
Norfolk, Virginia
Modern Language-Navy
VMI Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Ring Figure '78 Committee Chairman; Regimental Sgt. Major 2; 1st Batallion Adjutant 1; After Taps Pub Club,
Timmy came to the "Big I" from the surf and sand of Tidewater with aspirations for grades and a commission in the U.S.M.C. Grades were achieved with work, but Tim had to settle for the woesome life of a civilian. Ha! Second class year found Tim hard at work as the organizer of our Ring Figure along with his duties as Regimental Staff. Now, in our 1st Class year, much of Tim's harshness has mellowed as he finally captured Stephanie. Through thick and thin Tim and I prodded on, crying, laughing, and hell raising together. I know I'll always have a true brother and a shoulder to lean on in Tim. Thanks for everything and God bless you, brother. Oh, by the way, your brother is ugly.
DYKES: 1975 John Soukoup
1981 Mark Jeffrey Martin

Timothy Joseph Patrick DeSalvo

Peter John Dillon
"Pete", "Ardvark", "Art two Dillon two", "Fool"
Great Falls, Virginia
History- Army (Infantry)
Pvt 4, Cpl. 3; 1st Captain 1; Class Historian 2,1; HONOR COURT 1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Club President 2; Team Captain 2,1; Swimming Team 4, CADET 4; Ranger Pltn. 3,2,1; Posit Comm. 2,1; Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities; DMS; AUSA History Award; 248 and apartment crew; Ardvarks Anonymous; Sigma Ioda; Drug Advisory Council 1.
With a kiss from Mom and a shake from Dad, I said goodbye Great Falls, Hello VMI . . . The "248" and apartment crew, the only guys who'd keep an ardvark in the room. Glen, Lenny, Nelson and Rick-I'll miss them very much. I'm looking forward to the times when we'll be together again. Who can forget the trash wagon treks to Roanoke and College Park? The Stinky Boys! Rugby, Mud, Blood, and many good and challenging times. It's been quite an experience the smiles, the tears, the ups and downs, good and bad times. In birthday attire at Goshen to the General's office. I thank the Lord for all the friends I've come to know and love. And special thanks to my parents for all their guidance during these years. And Frannie whose love made it all possible . . . I Love You.
DYKES: 1975 Tom Mason
1981 Scott Williams





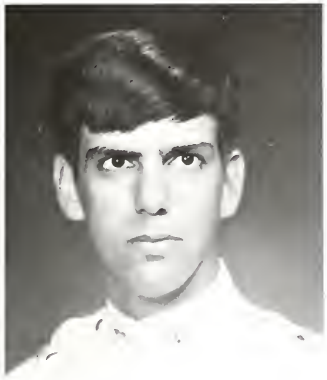
Peter John Dillon

Terrell Glenn Dorn
"Terry", "J"
Portsmouth, Virginia
Civil Engineer- Army (Corps of Engineers)
Cadre 3,1; Civil War Roundtable 4; S.A.M.E. 2,1; A.U.S.A. 2,1; Pervert Corner 4,3,2,1; F Troop; H.C.R.B.; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; A.S.C.E. 2,1; Firefighters 1; Mary Baldwin Raid 2,1.
Why, why, why am I here? There's a number of reasons why. To join the people who've joined the Army? To make good grades? (Everybody wants that max, isn't that right Manson?) Because VMI is a lot closer to Rocky Mount than Portsmouth is? To have three good roommates during my cadetship who'll be my friends for life?
Well, in four short years I've been disillusioned on all four counts. The Army doesn't pay enough; I low crawled instead of climbing up the hill of science; Betsy went off to Wake Forest; and I've had more roommates that the wonderful girls of Hay Street. So much for dreams.
To quote my sister, "It's been real." And it has been a lot of fun. But . . .
Thanks must go to my parents, Betsy, and EZ Bear for seeing me through this healthful and pleasant abode.
"Never let academics get in the way of your education."
Dykes: 1975 Kent Wood
1981 Duane Perry, Jorg Ronke





Terrell Glenn Dorn





James Valentine Doyle III
"Jim"
Cocoa Beach, Florida
Electrical Engineering-Naval Science, Special Student
Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club 3,1; Rifle Team 4; Radio Club 1; IEEE 1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; O.g.A 1
i MATRICULATED TO VMI UNKNOWING.
nOW I KNOW VMI AND VMI LIKEWISE KNOWS ME.
tHERE WERE DISHONEST ONES WHOM VMI EXPOSED AND REFUSED.
rEEVALUATION OF LIES GOALS FOLLOWED.
oNE CAN BE LURED BY THE CHALLENGE OF VMI.
vOLUNTARILY DID I THUS ENTER VMI AND ACCEPT THE RING.
eXPOSED BY OUR FAULTS, INDIVIDUALITY WAS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN.
rEALITY WAS OFTENTIMES CONFUSED WITH GAME, BUT THE GAME ENDS PRESENTLY
tHERE SEEMS TO BE A NEW, YET FAMILIAR SHAWDOW FOLLOWING ME-WE WILL DO FINE.
DYKES: 1975 Vernon Lee Conner
1981 John Frederick Bigger

James Valentine Doyle III



Alexander Miller Earle, Jr.
"Alex", "Alec", "Al"
Front Royal, Virginia
Civil Engineering Air Force
BOMB, Photographer 4,3; Activities Editor 2, Business Manager and First Class Editor 1; Managing Editor Ring Figure Book 2; A.A.S 4,3; Karate Club 3; Ski Club 2,1, Sport Parachute Club 2,1; A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; Snowshoe 4,2, Sugarbush 1; Pervert Corner 4,3,2,1; Pseudo Cadet 1; MBC Raid 2,1; MWC 2,1.
It's impossible to sum up four years of life at VMI in one paragraph. My time here has been filled with some of the happiest times of my life as well as some of the saddest. I know that there are many lessons yet to be learned and soon the time will come to see if I have been adequately prepared for them. I have not altogether enjoyed my stay here, however the friends I have made and the good times we have had have made it all worth while. J.D., Jon and Gary, thanks for being great roommates. Remember Snowshoe, Roanoke Basketball, barracks beerbusts, various hop weekends and other fun times. John I don't know how we made it through four years but I'm awfully glad that it's over! I want to thank my whole family for everything you have done for me. And Beth, this has been the greatest single year of my life!!
DYKES: 1975 Ellett Smith
1981 Mike Huff



Alexander Miller Earle Jr.



Robert Stuart Eagle III
"Bob", "The Weasel"
Richmond, Virginia
CE-United States Air Force
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; RFYL 4,3,2,1; AAS 4,3; Number 1 Club 2; Member of the NEB 9, Pervert Corner 4, Zoo Crew 3,2,1, Guardians of the Arch (Marshall Arch) 2,1, OGA 1.

Bob came to VMI with the goal of excelling in the field of academics and the military. After his rat year his goals changed to picking up girls and finding a good party. In his second class year he found a good party, in the radio room of NEB. Unfortunatly the O.C. found it also, and Bob immediatly joined the ranks of the Number 1 Club. The 4 months of confinement slowed him down for awile but never stopped him. Many a time he was seen heading toward the W&L Frat Houses on Saturday night after the checks were made. When his confinement ended Bob decided that the parties in Lexington just couldn't compare to those at Longwood and VCU, so he bought a car back and hid it uptown to solve that problem. Through his highly skilled techniques of breaking regulations without getting caught he has truely lived up to his nickname "The Weasel".

DYKES: 1975 John L. Williamson
1981 Wallace "Trip" Lloyd III



Robert Stuart Eagle III

Charles Edward Early III
"Chuck" "Chuckles" "Squirrelly"
Sarasota Florida
Economics-Army(Field Artillery)
Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1, Swim Team 4, 3; Timmins Society 4, Coveted Recondo Badge 1, Lt. Philbin Fan Club 2, 1, OGA 1.

How do I describe that good-natured Gene Krupa of the Corp? THe ubiquitous Chuck Early. Famed for his stylish class dyke innovations at West Point, midnight (or thereabouts) races from Mary Washington, Lysol spray cans and semi-precious stones of questionable taste – all these different facets of the "Chuck experience" and no way to elaborate. It must suffice then to say that Chuck's good nature and naturally cheerful countenance have added immeasurably to the baracks in general and 109 and 209 especially. Known for his generosity and honest concern Chuck has always been one of the nobler members of our association. Though he bears no fez he is as good a friend as any man could want. I wish him good luck in future endeavors, he will probably need it, if the future is anything like the past.

Dykes: 1975 Bob Hitz
1981 Parker Buhrman





Charles Edward Early III





Beverly Michael Eaton
"Mike"
Daytona Beach, Florida
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineers)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 1; C Company Commander 1; Soaring Club 3; ASCE 2,1; SAME 2,1; Cadre 4,2,1; Dean's List; Airborne; DMS.

Mike spent the first three years of our cadetship in the shadows of many other cadets, but he finally received the recognition he deserved, Charlie Company. To many of us Mike has been a true friend and a person easy to confide in.

The wild times in Raleigh and New York and the future parties are just going to be a small segment of our memories. But the eternal friendships made will be considered one of the greatest achievements of our years at VMI.

Mike now faces one of his toughest decisions, that of choosing either an Army or engineering career. We wish him success in either he decides upon. CRB

DYKES: 1975 Gary Taylor
1981 Jim Yonts

Beverly Michael Eaton







Carl K. Esche, Jr.
"Otto Von Esche", "Doc", "CK"
Lutherville, Maryland
Chemistry- Army (Infantry)
Ski Club 2,1; ACS 2,1; Corporal 3; RFYL 3,2,1.
Otto descended from the Fatherland but Maryland's his home. I remember well the first words he uttered. We were Rats, it was the first night, and from his hay I heard him make the solemn statement, "I can't believe I went here. I could have went to Harvard, Rutgers, or even Gouchen College." Otto has been a good friend and no one could have asked for more. You come to him with a need, he'll give his all to help. Smart and determined, conscientous, very practical - German heritage. A lady's man of late with two dates to the same hop- Italian heritage. T-bird lover. A keen sense of justice and fair play. A real fighter when he's been wronged. If there ever was a Northern Gentleman, I can honestly say Otto Von Esche is the man.
DYKES: 1975 Paul Bernard
1981 Adrian Bogart





Mark Allen Engle
Alexandria, Virginia
History Marine Corps
Wrestling 4; Rugby 4; Rangers 2; Aerobics 3; NROTC Pistol Team 2; Pvt, 4; Cpl, 3; Sgt, 2; Lt, 1.
DYKES: 1975 Phill Thorpe
1981 Bill Leftwich
Paul Brier
Marc Paine



Thomas Henry English
"Cheeks", "Buddy", "Steinvich", "Johnny Jamaica", "Goldenhoarder"
Kingston, Jamaica and Puerto La Cruz, Venezula
Economics-Army (Infantry)
Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., 1st Lt. S-5; Member in good standing of H.O.D. and H.O.P. Club; Member H.R.I.; C.W.R.T. 4; Cadet Recruiting Officer; Rat Training 4,3,2.
Here is a kid who could have charmed Jesus Christ off the cross. Tom and I have experienced enough together for a few departing observations on my part: Namely that here is a saber swinging, hard working, hard playing, "easy living", Southern Gentleman unfortunately misplaced somewhere south of the border. A private at heart, Tom has risen to every occasion and somehow walked away ahead of the game. "Johnny Jamaica" is one of those rare people imbued with a universally acceptable personality accompanied with a certain savoir-faire which has resulted in a lot of good friendships. Tom, we've been brothers. You will always be with me in spirit. See you in California.

G.L.H.

Dykes- 1975 Barry Lineback (the other one)
1981 Alex Wright, Jeff Henry, and Book

Mark Allen Engle

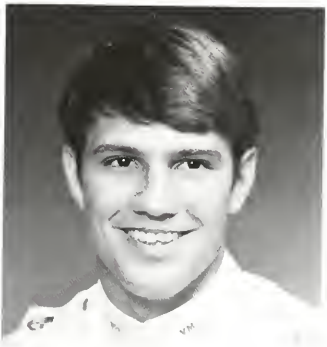
Carl K. Esche Jr.

Thomas Henry English

Paul Andrew Faulconer
"Drew" "Drew-Head" "Drew-Baby" "Two"
"The Mad Halfback"
"M.A.".
Madison Heights Virginia
C.E.-Army (Corps of Engineers)
Concourse Club 2,1; President 1; "How stinky can a Keydet get Club" 2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
Our dyke, Tony Farry, introduced us, from then of it was high times at the Institute. Drew has always been the life of the party. Before the beginning of his third class year, he met a fine young lady, had survived his rat year and knew he would be rooming with the Ferg I have shared some of the greatest times of may life since then. Everyone knows Drew's personality is empeccable and this coupled with his good nature, makes him everyone's best friend; moreover, the greatest friend I could ever have. The best of luck to you Drew! Mom, Dad, and Randy; thank God for such a great family. You are everything to me. Cindy, you know exactly how I feel. "You See, I like all women of the World". I'll make it!!
Dykes: 1975 Anthony Farry "Cocky Beetch"
1981 John Locker "Ears"
Terrell Williams







Thomas Vincent Fields IV
"Tom", "Tommy", "T.V."
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineers Army (Engineers)
Cpl. 3; VMOIC 2,1; TMS.
Having a knack for getting into sticky situations, Thomas came to VMI with the hope of attaining high moral standards for himself. The product of this mad cap equation was one of an opposite effect it was horrible, scandolous. Although over reactive by nature, one could not find a more sweeter, generous, and even gullible person in the severe chivalric mode. His roommates complain of his excellent driving which only seems to be matched by his snoring soirees. His expensive tastes have caused the financial decay of his bank book. Thomas is the epitome of the epic Romance; far flung, a mysterious and wondering brain and a love for the finer things in life, although he doesn't know what they are. And Thomas is certainly not the VMI good deal with which the real world waits for.
DYKES: 1975 J.R. Moschetti
1981 C.T. Monnette





Thomas R. Ferguson
"Fergy", "Bones", "Blade", "Muscles", "Ferg"
Harrisonburg Virginia
History-Army (Armor)
Football 4,3,2,1, Baseball 4; Track 4,3; Concourse Club 1, Pvt. 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
Fergy and I met through our dyke. At that time we were two scared freshmen preparing for a trip on the "Mothership". Hey Fergy, its been one helluva trip! He was pretty quiet for a couple of years, however. Oh, he wasn't studying, he was just resting up for the parties to come. "If you hear any noise tell them who it is, Fergy". He couldn't help but make friends at the "I". His personality was overwhelming, his abilities varied, but his character remained in tact amid all the turmoil which envelops this sorry place. But Fergy and I had ways of escaping this hectic pace; ways even Sir Edmund Hillary would have been jealous of. "Hey Fergy, go to the Concourse?" I would like to thank my parents for supporting me, Col. Barrett and his family for being so kind, Elizabeth and most of all god, for allowing me to live there four years!
Dykes: 1975 Anthony Farry
1979 Peel McLean
1981 Bobby Thompson
Mark Vasco



Paul Andrew Faulconer

Thomas R. Ferguson

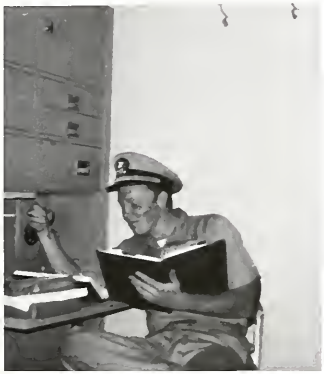
Thomas Vincent Fields IV







John Bushnell Forsyth
Cro-Magnon, Moose
Richmond, Virginia
English Army/Infantry
Soccer 4; V. M. I. Theater 2,1; Viking 4,3,2,1; Fezants 2,1; English Soceity 2,1; Lt. Philbin Fan Club 2,1; 302 South Jefferson Jovials 2,1; V. P. English Speaking Union 1.
John Bushnell Forsyth, a dashing title for a dashing anarchist. During his tenure at the Institution, he added unimaginable fire damage, not to mention raising the alcoholism rate within the faculty by over 5%. The latter of these, by far the easier task.
John's leadership capabilities have contributed largely to the personalities of 209 and 109. Several individuals appealed to the U. N. and were evacuated, however. Be that as it may, John has never failed as a loyal friend. We are all eternally indebted to John for all the good times he has been responsible for. And all of us, Greg, Nick, Shep and I would like to wish John and LDP the best of luck, and, that going is indeed as good coming. John will most likely be stationed at Fort Western State, in Staunton after graduation, but rest assured, so will the rest of our merry band of brothers. Thanks for everything, John.
DYKES: 1975 Chip Louthan
1981 Bruce Thompson, William Boykin



Larry Lee Fluty
"Flutodius", "Mongoose", "Elguapao", "Admiral Fluty"
Fort Gay, West Virginia
Civil Engineering- Navy
Rugby 4; Intramural Football 3,2,1; Judge of the Royal Koo Koo Court 1; VP Rene Richards Club 3,2,1; Rocket Fuel Drinkers Society 4,3,2,1; PVT. 4,3,2,1; Gold Coast 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiters 3,2,1; Part time resident Rm. 117 3,2,1; Grub Company Commander 4,3,2,1.
The Exploits of Fluteloot!
How I wish I could tell all the stories about the legendary redman. Never has more beer and straight Tequila entered one man's body! Never has the "big I" seen a more determined hellraiser. Between bombing NEB one frosty night and maneuvers versus TAC's that Stonewall would have envied, there are thousands of events that must go untold (at least until Larry graduates). But there is more to Larry than just craziness. He is a complex person. Girls have been influential in his life (Teresa, Tippie and Mountain Woman). Larry, when are you going to blow up another bridge? Take care, brother rat, and mind well the seas and your belly button.
DYKES: 1975 John Pierce, John Greene, Jim Berne, Jim McKrisken
1981 Robert Ward

Frank Walter Fountain
"Frank"
Charlotte, North Carolina
Math and English- MS (Engr)
Pvt. 4,3; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. (E Co. X-O); CADET Staff 4,3,2,1; (Editor-in-Chief 1); President, Virginia Intercollegiate Mass Communications Assoc. 2,1, (President 1); Pre-Law Society 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 3,2,1, English-Speaking Union 4,3,2,1; English Society 1; Debate Team 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; R.F.Y.L. 2; Posit Committee; F.N.O.C. Club; Raid 1.
First
"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference." Frost
Then
". . . we few, we happy, few, we merry band of brothers." . . Shakespeare
Always
". . . the unexamined life is not worth living . . ."
Socrates
DYKES: 1975 Bill Glasgow
1981 Douglas C. Blowe
Robert Pham





Larry Lee Fluty

Frank Walter Fountain

John Bushnell Forsyth



Nicholas James Francis
"Nicky"
McLean, Virginia
Spanish Literature-Army (Artillery)
VMI Theater 2,1; Grub Private 4,3,2,1 Fezant 2,1 Viking 1; 302 South Jefferson Association 1; Wild Man of Borneo 2; Conduct Probation 2,1.
Nick blazed into the Institute August 21, 1974, searching for the key to military success. The intervening two years, plus a trip to the land of sun and "senoritias", Mexico, for a semester, gradually changed military asperations into a longing to be a successful playboy, "bon vivant" anthropologist. Let's just say that my friendship with Nick has been a unique experience. Nick's jolly disposition and sense of humor have on more than one occasion considerably brightened many dreary times and situations. The whole "109" crowd sincerely wishes the best of luck to you Nick in the future years, and hope that we can be availed of your wit and friendship for a long time to come.
DYKES: 1975 Sam Madren
1981 Jim Hanratty

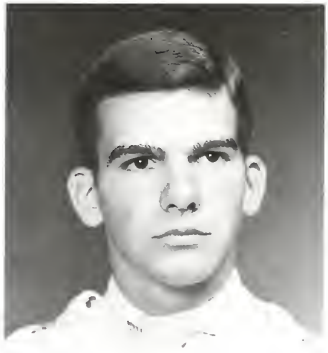
Paul Thomas Freeland
"P.T.", "Paul T.", "Little Man", "Ranger", "Silverbridge"
Charleston, Illinois
English- Army (Infrantry)
Swimming 4; Riding Club 4; Cpl. 3; Rat Training Cadre 3; V.M.I. Ranger Plt. 3; United States Army Ranger School 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Ranger Plt. 1st Sgt. 2; Cpt. Co. D 1; Ranger Plt. Leader 1; Sec. RDC 1.
God of our Fathers, who by land and sea has ever led us on to victory, please continue your inspiring gudance in this greatest of our conflicts. Strengthen my soul so that the weakening instinct of self-preservation, which besets all of us in battle, shall blind me to my duty to my own manhood, to the glory of my calling, and to my responsibility to my fellow soldiers. Grant to our armed forces that disciplined valor and mutual confidence which insures success in war. Let not mourn for the men who have died fighting, but rather let me be glad that such heroes have lived. If it be my lot to die, let me do so with courage and honor in a manner which will bring the greatest harm to the enemy, and please, oh Lord, protect and guide those I shall leave behind. Give us the victory, Lord.
DYKES: 1975 Larry Waks
1981 John Judge



Michael Joseph Freeman
"Mikie"
Raleigh, North Carolina
Economics- Navy
Varsity Football 3,2,1; Varsity Track 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Sweet Bush Club 3,2,1; Economics Club 1; Economics Coffee Club 1; MBC Raiders 1; Pervert Corner 3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; OGA 1; Private 4,3,2,1.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for all that they have done for me in my life. Sue, Patty, Peg, and Steve thanks for all your help. Mom, Dad, how can I ever begin to thank y'all for what you've done. Anytime I needed help or advice you were there, from a kick in the pants to scholarly advice. To even try to list and thank you for everything is impossible, so I'll just say you have all my love and respect. Mr. and Mrs. Patton, Karen, John, Olivia you all have been a second family in Lexington. Y'all have made an almost impossible four years a very special four years for me. Dennis, Mark, John, Stosh you all are friends I'll never forget, thanks and I hope life treats you great.
DYKES: 1975 Glenn Furr
1981 Lee Turner









Nicholas James Francis

Paul Thomas Freeland

Michael Joseph Freeman

Michael Freitas
Yeringto, Nevada
Economics-U.S.M.C.
Private 4,2; Corporal 3; Lieutenant 1; RDA Award 2; Business Manager Marine Detachment 1; Library Assistant 2,1; National Sojourners Award 3;
"It seems to be a law inflexible and inexorable that he who will not risk cannot win."
John Paul Jones
DYKES: 1975 Dave Gramont, Bill Kern
1981 Jake Jaks, Jay Pauly









Robert John Fretz, Jr
"Bob", "Toad"
Snyder, New York
Civil Engineering- Navy
Lacrosse 3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Young Democrates 4; Apathy 4,3,2,1; Mad Bomber Raid 3; After Taps Painters 2,1; Flying Ace 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2,?; OGA 1.
When I first met Bob I had no idea what kind of a derelict I was rooming with. I suppose I should have known after the third class party our rat year, (or maybe I should have asked Guy Conte) But I was still deluded by his outstanding respect for the system. All doubt should have been removed our 2nd class year when I witnessed the handiwork of the Great White Mouse Hunters, (I hope the Audubon Society never heard about that). But I still have faith. It wasn't until our first class year that the truth became known. Bob slaughtered his dyke, who was also my brother, during the MBC massacre. Alas.
ET TV BRUTE. All kidding aside, in the 4 years I have known Bob we have had a chance to cement a friendship that I hope will last for many years to come. Bob is as fine an individual as has ever graduated from the institute, and I wish him all the success he is due. WSG
DYKES: 1975 Bo Hughes
1981 Bruce Gitchell, Fred Winkler



Robert Lee Fricke
"Frickey", "Bobby", "Frickasee", "Frick Frack"
Westlake, Ohio
History- Army (Field Artillery)
Civil War Round Table 4,3; Swim Team 4; Golf Team 3,2; College Republicans 2, DMS 1, Monogram Club 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1.
As I look back now, I wonder how Bob has done it. For four years now he has put up with rooming with me, through deep depression, total aggrevation, and just Fricke moods, Bob always stuck it out and was a friend at the times a friend is really needed. The tweety bird managed somehow to keep his long hair (over his ears) for the first 24 hours of our rat line, but while working his way up the rank structure (to second battalion S-1), his hair never quite managed to even approach its original length. Bob's the kind of guy who can never say no to anyone, particularly a B R. his accomplishments are many and varied, strong on paper, but it's in person where he's the greatest. R R H.
DYKES: 1975 John "Bimbo" Sheffield
1981 Steve Maurer



Michael Freitas

Robert John Fretz Jr.

Robert Lee Fricke





Johnny Curtis Garnett
"JC", "Black-Hog", "Space Ghost"
Hampton, Virginia
Chemistry-Army (Inf.)
Football 4,3,2,1; Basketball 4,2; Track 4,1; Chem Club 4,3 (PR) 2 (VP), Member of A.C.S. 4,3,2,1; Member of Black Student Assoc. 2,1 (P); Varsity Club 4,3,2,1; Fellowship of Christan Athlets 4,3,2,1.

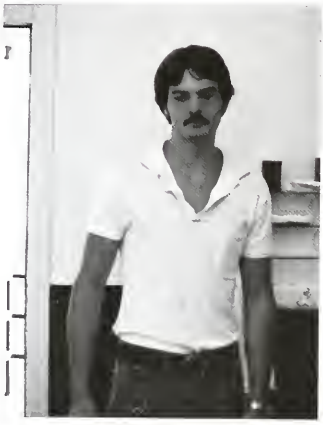
Give it to God

Never have I known a happier day to bear an ear to the words you say. Life is the short to displace desire from Gods creation I shall never tire. The bodies of mankind are of colorful tents and the sould of each are heavenly sent. Glory! . . . give it to God, he'll pull you through prayer and faith is your only due. Now speal no more, you've sung your song from which you came, you have noq gone!

"JC" Garnett
VMI '78

Dre, Ron, Dave, Stick, Glenn, "Rocket", Lennie and Dykes, we will always be together in memories! To my "B.R's I thank you for Helping me make through!!!!!!!!

Dykes- 1975 Ronald J. Norman "JAB"
1981 Robert Savage "CO-CO"
Lewis Rolan "Fish"



Robert Henry Gansauer
"Goose", "Bob", "Bad Bob"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force
Pvt. 4; Cpl/Pvt 3; Pvt 2,1; Secretary RDC 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Gold Coast 3,2,1; Muff-Buffs 1; Dean's Other List 3,2,1; Spit-Shined 4,3; Buff-Shined 2,1;

Goose and I became roommates 3rd Class year. At first we seemed to differ on ideas and tastes but after awhile things started to change. My choice in rock music began to appeal to Bob and soon he was wearing out my favorite albums (how many times can a person listen to one album consecutively?)! Bob and I also had interests in sports (room football, baseball, hockey and soccer) and big cities (he still loves "The Burgh").

Bob has brought many laughs to our room; we have given thought to becoming a comedy team! I think it has been Bob's sense of humor that has helped me keep mine. More than a Brother Rat and roommate, Bob has been a true friend who would do all he could for you. To this great "Womanizer" I wish all the luck.

W.L.M. '78

DYKES 1975 Cary Bradley
1981 Larry Brown Costello



Harold Graves Furlow
"Hal"
Arlington, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Marine Corps
VMI Theater 4, V.P. 3,2,1, Actor, Stage Crew, and Propmaster, Cheerleading 2, Head 1; Young Republicans 2,1, Zoo Crew 4,3,2, Private 4,2,1 (Stripeless Corporal 3), Honor List 4, Mary Baldwin Raider; O.G.A. 1

Looking back time seems to lose all form and the abstractions of four long years passing takes hold. Somehow memories of the daily durdgery disapear as those of the good times return. The rat that entered VMI in the autumn of 1974 has grown, matured and gained more than words will ever express. The "VMI experience" has been ingrained and its long term values learned the hard way. The lessons won't be forgotten. Sincere thanks go to my roomates of past and present as well as my friends who have made the good times that will never be forgotten.

Miss B. "Photographs and Memories" Lots of TLC, and you know me, I'm still look ing.

Dykes 1975 Gary Taylor, John Sastri
1981 Reg Ridgely





Harold Graves Furlow

Robert Henry Gansauer

Johnny Curtis Garnett

John Anthony Garrett
"Handles", "Big Time"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics, Army, Infantry
Rugby 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; International Relations Club 2,1; Economics Coffee Club 2,1; Third Class Finance Comm. 3,2; Perverted Corner 4,3,2,1; MBC Raiders 2,1; Sweet Bush Club 4,3,2,1; Summer School 3,2; Off Campus Housing 3; John's Taxi 4,3,2,1;
All I can say about this place is that I'm glad to be graduating after only four years. Without the help of my family, friends, and roommates, I never could have tolerated these intolerable years. The rat year was a wild time thanks to great dykes, the winning football team, and rooming with "Rrrwof", Alec and J.D. Then the basketball team salvaged a perfectly worthless "sophomore" year. Those two years of hard times and bad grades were followed by two of the oppisite- such as "high stakes" card games, frat parties with Smooty and P.W., safaris with Hughsie, and "talking floors" with Pumpkin and Precious. Also we had the "great step off", the lost fire hydrant, gave the O.D. a shower (sorry Greasy), and hassled with rats as first classmen. So four years passed and I learned little, no thanks to the Economics department!
DYKES: 1975 John Maples
1981 Taylor "The Blob" Tyler
Robert "Clinker" Moss

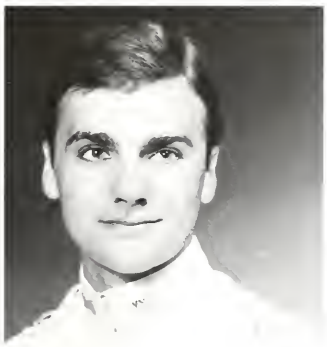




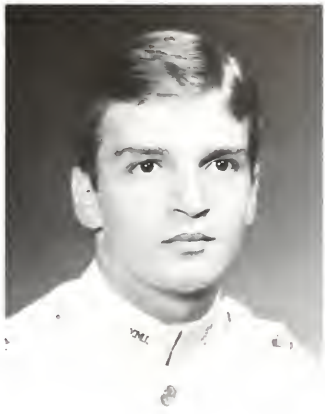
John Anthony Garrett



Gregory Allen Gearhart
"Tank Killer", "Captain Jerk", "Spook", "Elvis"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering Army (Engineers)
Honor Court 2, Prosecutor 1; A.S.C.E. Sec-Treas 3, V.P. 2, Pres. 1, Commanders 4,3,2,1; Hop&Floor 4,3,2,1; S.A.M.E. 2,1; Cpl 3, 1st Sgt. 2, Cpt. 1; Who's Who; Acad. Dist. 4,3,2; DMS, Anti-Tank Club, Pres. 1; Bd. Co. Wining & Dining Club 1; Step Off Comm. 2,1; Accounting by Mail 1; Firefighters 1.
Greg came from Roa-neck in August, 1974 despite the warnings of Jesse. Greg and the Farmville Flash endured rooming with the most hated man at VMI. Second semester brought Dave and the departure of the B.V. Bluebird. We'll remember Greg's homespun speech during the class officer elections. Third class year brought T.T. and a revelation. Second class year brought the diamond, a battalion, a ring, and a #1 company. That summer he played chicken with a tank and won! First class year brought him the ownership of band COMPANY, a real ring, and the only staff table with sensuround. In looking past your 90 days A.D.T. to your tour at U.Va., I wish all the luck in the world to one of the best brother rats one could ask for.
God Bless You, Greg. "Ahead warp 2 Mister Gearhart. Take her out of orbit, we're going home"
DYKES: 1975 Mark Hall
1981 Chip Johnson
Jeff Webber



Gregory Allen Gearhart





Mark Anthony Gentile
"Gino", "Geneedles", "Gentile of South Philly"
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania
History - Navy: Nuclear Power
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 3,2,1; Lexington Loberers 3; Gay Cabbaleros 2; Muff-Buffs 1; Activities Editor '78 Bomb 1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Intramural Basketball 3,2,1; Rene Richards Fan Club 1; Gangster Club 4,3,2,1; Apts. 116 and 117, 1; President of O.G.A. 1; Posit Committee 1.
My experiences as a cadet for four years have been varied-from eating dinner with Homo Thompson to running five tapes in eight semesters. However, now that I'm leaving, I wouldn't trade them in for anything. I shall never forget the corps trip Rat year with the Massage Parlor with G.C.B. Nor will I forget my weekend with "Cecil". I will certainly be glad to see the "I" in my rear view mirror, but leaving the friends I have made will make me long for the days of "pounding the stoops" with the boys. To my **friends**-I couldn't have done it without you - may you hve success always - I love you all. And for the three people I love most in this world, I dedicate these past four years of toil and laughter to you. Mom, Dad, and Tony, I thank you for your inpiration, your help and guidance, and most of all for your love. I love you.
DYKES: 1975 Larremore J. LaMonte
1981 Gabe S. Mastrobuono

Mark Anthony Gentile



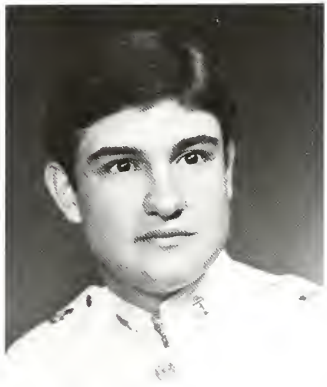
William Stuart Gitchell
"Stu", "Wahoo"
Charlottesville, Virginia
Civil Engineering S.S.
Lacrosse 3,2,1; A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; Young Democrats 3. With the sounds of "Why don't you go to U.Va.?", Stu came to the Institute with high aspirations of becoming an engineer and a Navy pilot. Not long after being '78's first rat sentinal, Stu began to realize the dreary and confining life was interfering with his biggest weakness: girls. His C.E. studies kept him busy third class year, but Stu could always find time to party. As a second, he learned the art of running the block to Madison with expertise. While I was meeting half the rat class, Stu met Sharon just in time for Ring Figure. With graduation day just around the corner, I can see nothing but success for Stu in his career ahead. Zac, Ron, Bont, Blaine, Longwell, Steve, Ken, Dwight, Snare, Penhook and myself will always be indebted for your friendship and hospitality. R.J.F

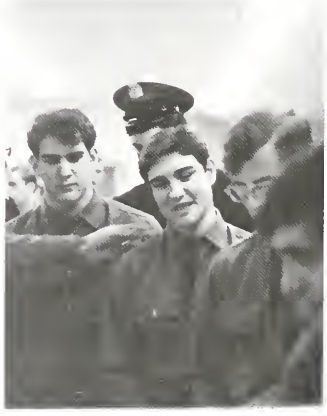


Warren Maynard Goddard III
"Dutch", "Clutch", "Gidderd"
Richmond, Virginia
C.E.- Army (Corps of Engineers)
Track 4; Football 4,3,2,1; (Tri-Captain); Monogram Club; (Stg of Arms) ASCE; OGA 1.
In the dull, common, day today occurances at the Big I I am left with a treasure of completely unique experiences. The intangible qualities and bonds developed in our class and the friendships formed shall be held high and remembered by me-the rest of my life. The good times, the bad times, the funny times, the sad times, from wild-hell raising parties to frustratingly long days, I got thru it all with a lot of help from my friends. So Gilmer, Rep, John, BoBo, Chip, ox, Bryd and all the fellows lets keep it together for the happy days ahead A special thanks to Margaret and Halfie for my home away from home and to the people I cherish most in this world-my folks. Well its been real and its been fun, but was it real fun?
Dykes: 1975 Garland Issacs
1981 William Grigg



Andre Jose Gibson
"Dre", "Fly"
Easton, Maryland
Economics - Navy
Varsity Football 3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Promeji 2,; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; D-Mob 4,3,2,1.
'74-'75
It was in August '74 when I arrived. It was a BIG switch from All-Everything to a lowly Rat Met a very beautiful lady who helped me with all my problems. Won the Southern Conference in football, long jump champ and Hardin-Massie Award
'75-'76
Was on national T V Someone special moved Injuries really hurt! Even the grades went bad! The basketball team did their thing. Was glad to see the end
'76-'77
Halfway done Room 202, D-Mob Won the starting job, G-Squad, 4 straight The "Ring". Running the block with excellence. The "Pad". Conference and state long jump champ
'77-'78
May 20, 1978, THE DAY! I don't regret coming, but I am glad it's over I will never forget "Dry Ice", "Space Ghost", "Mongo", "Stick" or the Class of 1978
DYKES Class of 1975 Kimo Wong
Class of 1981 Arthur (Squirrel) Armstead II, Bill (L T D) Price Jr







Andre Jose Gibson

William Stuart Gitchell

Warren Maynard Goddard III

Timothy Andrew Gompers
"Flamingo", "Grumpers"
Wheeling, West Virginia
Economics-Army (armor)
Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,2,1; Drug Advisory Council 3,2,1; VMI Society of Young Economics 1; OGA 1.
I've known Tim for three years. Last week he smiled, yesterday he said something. We started our sophomore year by picking up fifty dollars at the racetrack. The next year the Smo moved in and the three of us went to Florida with Ziggy in the smallest Chevette evermade, but not before we tore up the Hotel Roanoke. Then Flamingo took Harry to the Steel City for a "GL"-maybe next time Harry. This year has seen Tim spending little time with the books and a lot at Mary Lane, Estelle's Social and Dance Club and a side trip to Bimbo's. All I can say is that the boys in old 26 did it right. The Big "P", Mugsy, Ox, and the Grumps. Thanks Buckwheat (the tissue man), Tom, Tony, Garland, Roomies, Harry, and especilly, my parents and Coach K. for all your inspiration and encouragement.
Dykes: 1975 Bruce Torbett
1981 William "Winnie" King





Timothy Andrew Gompers





David Emil Gordon
"Gordie", "Dave", "Little Steve"
New York, New York
English-Army-Armor
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; VMI **Cadet;** Photography editor 2,1; Bomb Staff 4,3,2; Chief Photo Staff 2; Fencing Team 4; Militaria Society 4,3; Timmins Music Society 3,2; 1978 Ring Figure Book-Photography Editor; English Society 3,1; RFC 4,3; N.Y.N.J. Club 4,3,2,1; Varsity Rack 3,2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Keeper of the ape 2,1
What can you say about someone you've kicked around, and been kicked around with since second grade?
Besides the fact he made the mistake of coming here-and kept coming back?! Besides his outstanding relationship with his dyke (Where's Gordon? Where's my *@!?ing laundry?)? Besides his academic fervor (??), Besides his inspiring motivation (motivation? What motivation? Apathy? Who cares?)? Besides his amorous adventures ("Hide me, brother rat! She's after me again!")?
You can say a lot-a dedicated and great photographer ("no-not photographist!"), a patient listener and good psychiatrist, but, above all else, a good friend, to the end (and probably beyond!). Yeah, he takes his tumbles and spills, but he always lands on his feet-he always will-and we wouldn't have it any other way.
Peace; Live Long & Prosper, Bro!
Thanks guys, for making it all worthwhile. DG
DYKES. 1975 Taylor Slate
1981 K.C. O'Neil, (Bob Morris)

David Emil Gordon



David Reynard Gray
"Gray Dog", "Captain Gray", "Hypo Man", "Mommy"
Hampton, Virginia
History-Army (Infantry)
Manager of Cross Country and Indoor Track 4; Food Committee 2, Secretary- Posit Committee 1; Secretary of A.U.S.A. 2; Vice President of A.U.S.A. 1; Orienteering Club 2,1; Fencing Team 2, Scuba Club 2; Glider Club 2; Cadet Corporal 3; Cadet Master Sergeant 2; Cadet 1st Lt./2nd Bn. S-3 1; Cadet In Charge of Rat Training 1, Who's Who 1
With spit shined shoes and gleaming brass stands David. Well all that military prowess earned Dave Corporal bars, then Master Sergeant stripes (and the right to go insane on the weekend of his choice) and finally immortality as the short man of the 2nd Bn. Staff. As 2nd Bn. S-3, he earned notoriety from standing before Rats on Tuesdays and Thrusdays waving a rifle and yelling, "Good Afternoon Rats."
Academically he made Dean's List and snagged a 4.0 while surviving realisms and naturalisms. Dave found other ways to make a bafoon of himself. As an educated Stoopie he swabbed his way across stage in the 3rd Class Follies and into Col. Buchannan's Office (two years of not all up-nice). But don't worry Dave you've got a bright future; you've got experience. Thanks to Dad, Mom, his family and friends.
DYKES. 1975 David Mund
1981 Jeff Hamilton
Bart Price



David Reynard Gray



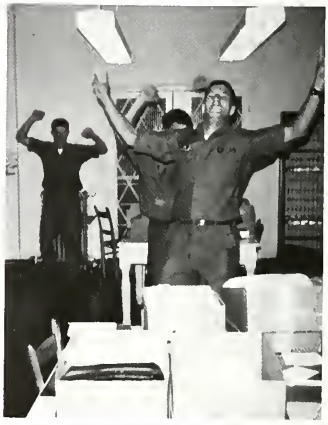


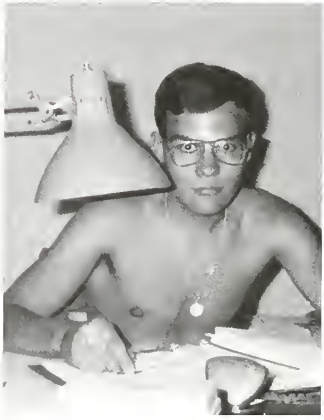
William Weeks Grove Jr.
"Shady", "Groove"
Stuarts Draft, Virginia
CE- Army (Engineers)
Varsity Football 4; Deans list 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; Mardi Gras Survivor 3; Tucker St. Inn 3,2.
After rooming with Shady Groove man for three years I have noticed a definite transformation that changed him from a 3rd ranking corporal to O.D. of the "worst guard mount in VMI history." The only regret one can have after rooming with shades for 3 years is that you did not room with him for four years. His journeys have included New Orleans and the Mardi Gras or uptown in the Tucker St. Inn. Even though shades has been a perennial genius he never passes up a party and can be coaxed into going with a Come On Shades and a slight tug on his little finger. Remember Shades the three things that made you great. Your cool, your stereo, and your roommates (B.C. Tulsk, Chump and of course Keeb) Good Luck Shades!
DYKES: 1975 Kimo Wong
1981 Paul Hartnett



Bil I. Greg
"B.I.G.", "Mr. B.I.G."
Monroe, Houston, LaJolla, Connecticut, Texas, California
Physics- Air Force (Missile)
Society of Physics Students 4,3,2,1; Sec. 2, Vice-President 1; Cpl 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt 1; Ring Figure Magizine Staff 2; VMI Cadet 2; Bomb Staff, Rat Typist 4, Karate Club 4; Football and Basketball Intramurals 3,2,1; Cadet Waiters 2,1; "The Gang"-Third Class Show 3; Getto Boys 2,1; Mary Baldwin Raid 1; Renee Richards Club; Jim Reynolds Fan Club; 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
Bill came from Connecticut with a smile, a big ass, and a desire to be an Air Force officer. After convincing us it was spelled with a "I" we began to learn more about our roommate, namely that his knowledge of the fairer sex was nonexistant, so we would educate him!!! Four years later we see we have succeeded too well!!! Life for Bil has not consisted totally of wine, women and song (he can't sing!). Since I've known Bil, I've never seen anyone work harder toward his goals, i.e. keeping his head above water in Physics, the pursuit of rank, which he so deserved (Cadet Waiters interviened) or the concern for his B.R.'s, he always put out 100%. The most impressive thing about Bil, was his love and concern for his family. With these qualities plus the "never say die" spirit, B.I.G. will go far. Scratch, Laf, Snider, Landshark (J.R.).
DYKES: 1975 Lane Pritchard
1981 Dave Gillespie
Jim Brown

John Holman Gregg
Charlottesville, Virginia
Pvt. 1,2,3,4; Cpl. 3; Track Mgr. 4; S-5 Staff 3,2; Tanker Platoon 2; B.S.U. 2,1; Cadet Staff 2,1; Association of the U.s. Army 2,1; English Speaking Union 1;
I did not have to know John for long to recognize a few qualities that are sure to bring him success in the future. He is a very intense individual who uses his time wisely and with a purpose; in fact, I find it hard to recall a time that I have seen him not doing something useful or constructive. He also has a great deal of resilience which was not at first apparent in our Rat year because of his sensitive quietness. This attribute enabled him to bounce back after a serious auto accident that should have kept him from returning to school. As one who desires a military career, his sense of determination will take him far. Most importantly, John is a good and loyal friend, and it has been an honor to be his Brother Rat
DYKES: 1975 Mike Joslyn
1981 Gene Loving







Bil I. Greg

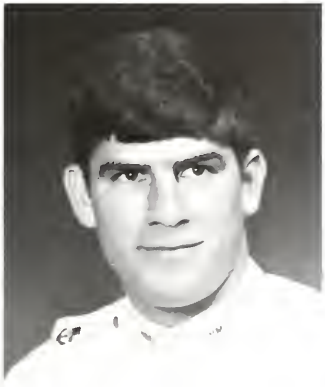
John Holman Gregg

William Weeks Grove Jr.



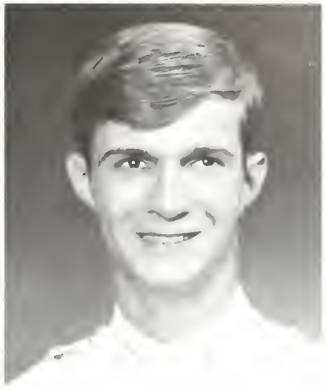


William Ellett Hardy
"Party"
Amelia, Virginia
Economics-Army (Artillery)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Varsity Baseball 4,3,2,1, Monogram Club; President of Richmond Club; Ghetto Club; Part owner of Estelles Hotel; OGA 1
Bill eased through the arch of VMI four years ago unaware of what was in front of him. Shortly, Bill realized what the VMI system was all about. Instead of going military, Bill chose the other road which led to the birth of Party Hardy. Party has struggled with the Root Cellar for four years, yet Party has prevailed academically, more important though, socially, as the original leader of the Lineback Shuffle. Every social event was a check formation, whether it be Zollaman's, Estelles, The Beach, Sem, etc. In these four years Party has proved himself to be not only a great friend but a reliable one. Party won't just be remembered for all the good times but for all the help and advise he's given through the years as a true friend. A real competitor on and off the field, Party will make it in anything he desires. Good luck Party. "Thanks Mom and Dad."
DYKES: 1975 R. B. Lane
1981 Ed Holland (hopper)
Wirt Shinault



Robert Revere Henkel
"Herb"
Portsmouth, Virginia
CE.- Air Force
Football manager 4, Head manager 3,2, Baseball 4,3,2,1, Monogram Club 3,2,1, Cpl. 3; OGA 1
I should formally refer to Robert Revere Henkel as Robert or Rob, as his surname dictates but I can not bring myself to it. Herb, voted "Best all-around" in High School is keeping his tradition here. A Baseball letterman for four years, but if you think he's good, you should see his brother. A dedicated Brother Rat, there's nothing he wouldn't do for you, whether you come from V.M.I. or not. When he tries hard, he can do amazing things, when he doesn't, he always manages to get by. The only prediction I can make for Herb's future is that he's bound to succeed. RLF
DYKES: 1975 Stewart Fleming
1981 Edward Oast, Elder Lash







Geoffrey Lee Henry
"Geoff", "Henrystein", "Hooknose", "Spock"
St. Simons Isl., Georgia
History-Navy (Surface Line)
Pvt., Cpl., Pvt., Pvt., Rat Training 4,3,2; RFYL 3,2,1; Salvage Committee 2,1; Grotto Society 3,2, HRI; HOD Club; S-5 Staff 3.
Jeff came to VMI as the "Southern Gentleman" from St. Simons, Georgia. What happened to this now cunning and sagacious individual?
I have known Jeff six years, all of which have been one helluva good experience. Remember the "Sea-Snake" Jeff? Jeff and I have been through alot together and I can only thank Jeff for helping me when the time arose. Knowing Jeff has had a great impact on my cadetship, again thank-you. Jeff will always be in my spirits. I pay that the Navy is as hood to to him as he has been with me. See ya in good old sunny California Jeff.
T.H.E.
Dykes. 1975 Mike Multicrater
1981 Jim Waring, Tom English, Book

William Ellett Hardy

Robert Revere Henkel

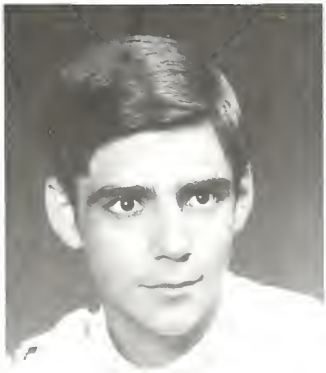
Geoffrey Lee Henry



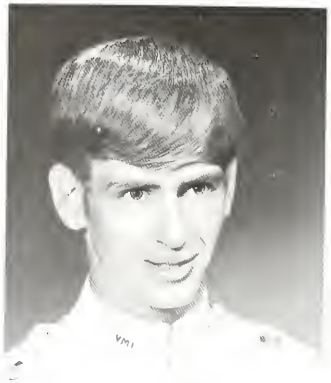
Jerry A. Hillard Jr
"Hillardoo"
Jacksonville, North Carolina
Biology, Peace Corps
Pvt 4, Pvt. 3, Civilian/Pvt. 2, Pvt. 1; Returning Cadet Club 2,1; Midnight Rider 2; Day Time Sleeper 4,3,½2,1; Summer Extension Plan 2,1; Study out of State Program 2; Colonel Hundley Fan Club 3,2,1; Admirer of Col. Gupton and General Morgan; Cadet Waiter 1; Bomb Special Photographer 2,1; O.G.A. 1.

A history of knowing Jerry has no beginning and no end. He is and always will be my closest and dearest friend. I have grown in many ways during my cadetship and I must contribute most of my development to knowing and living with Jerry. He is a very warm, generous and deep individual. All these traits are seldom found in one person but when they are the result is a very good and loving person. "Hillardoo" has provided me with an outlet to turn to when things at the "I" become hectic. In many cases he has given me the strength to continue the struggle of what seemed like a hopeless fight. I will never forget the numerous and varied experience that we have shared during our cadetships. It will hurt to see Jerry walk away after graduation but I know that the love I have for him will never die. Jer', you are very special to the people who know you, so don't ever forget us. Take care, son.

Dykes: Checks, '78
Class of '75: Mike Fleenor
Class of '81: John (Gas Station) Kostisin



Jerry Alfred Hillard Jr.



Donald Hogge
"Mouse", "Hoggie-Don", Don, "P.W."
Ft Eustis, Virginia
Modern Languages/German Army/Infantry
PRIVATE 4,3,2,1; VMI Orienteering Club 2,1; 327-A 3; Zoo Crew 4,1; Geology Lab Assistant 2,1; Courtyard Gymnastic Squad 1; Fezant 2,1; The Non-Rankers Society 4,3,2,1.

Don came to VMI from the sunny beach of Waikiki, and after arriving he realized that his next four years would be no vacation. His Rat year was full of hardships and triumps, but Don was to make it through (How, I will never know).

As our Third class year progressed, Don was to become an honorable member of 327-A. His frequent after-taps invasions on to the hays of the unmentions of 327-B will never be forgotten.

With the passing of Ring Figure and a (ahem!) flaming romance, Don survived the lack of privileges his First Class year with the company of his hamster and Kim. No one can say that Don hasn't been a good BR and roommate. Good luck in the future Don and Kim.

ELS '78

"Thanks for everything Mom and Dad, I couldn't have made it without you!"
DYKES: 1975 Phil "The Pineapple" Dove
1981 Paul Patrick



Donald Hogge

Leland Charles Horn
"Lee", "L.C."
Grand Prairie, Texas
Chemistry-Air Force (Missiles)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 3; Px Coffee Club 2,1; Chemistry Library Bullshippers 3,2; ACS 3, 2,1; Major Hank's P-Chem Crew; 109-169 Gunrunners 2,1; O.G.A. 1.

From Grand Prairie came this Texas Transplanted, southwest Virginia - by heart and claim - with his chem book in one hand and a .44 in the other. Lee soon made many friends, including the irrespressible "Guinea", his roommate for the last two years, and of course, the chemistry crew. He struggled organic in his third class year and is now praying again in advanced P-Chem. As if the books aren't enough, he must put up with good ol' Ed, a man walking a tight rope. Many an "X" lunchbreak were battlegrounds between Lee and that phantom of the labs, James Harris.

It was quite an experience rooming with Lee. Many nights he would curse the labs. Other nights he would burn people on the radiator or plan the extinction of our next door neighbor- 00 Zero. It's been fun and interesting, keep in touch. S.E.L. F.T.

DYKES: 1975 L.R. Knoblock
1981 Duane Andrews
Douglas Knesal





Leland Charles Horn





Spruel Pendleton James III
"Sturge", "Srugle", "Spruel and the Boys", "Spirule", "Sprurl-O", "Mule", "Ben", "Pen-O", "Bahama Mama"
Richmond, Virginia
History- Army (Cavalry)
Maj. Fuma (Ret.) Pension Plan 4; #1 club 2; Jail Bird Club 1; Gone With The Wind Club 4,3,2,1; Bad Attitude Club '78 4,3,2,1; V.C. '78 1; Professional Pvt. Union 4,3,2,1; Ghetto 2,1; Richmond Club 4,3,2,1; Anarchy Club 3,2,1; One of the Boys 3,2,1.
On August 21, 1974 through the gates of V.M.I. came Major Spruel P. James, third in command of the Corps at Fork Union Military Academy with bright hopes and aspiration of becoming equally militarily distinguished at V.M.I. After just a short period here at the "I" Spruel applied an about face on the military. For the next four years Spruel enjoyed the happy life as a grub private doing as much as possible to try to change things in barracks. One of the original Lineback shufflers (324) Spruel was a first string partier all four years. Always good for a laugh "Spruel and the Boys" was always the life of the party. Doing the unexpected came to be standard for Spruel. No party was complete without the Bahama Mama! So four years later as Spruel rides through the same gates at V.M.I. in the immortal "trash wagon" as a major stock holder in Stroh's and gangster he's a completely different person, and a much better person. Spruel will be remembered for his great personality, determination, his helping hand, and the laughs he gave us. From all your B.R.'s, good luck and keep on "ho hay hoin"!!
DYKES: 1975 Frank Cole
1981 Dickie-O Augustine
Jim (Fish) Frishkorn



Mark Tobin Hunter
"G.W.", "Crusty", "Catfish", "J.A."
Falls Church, Virginia
E.E. - Air Force
Rifle Team 3,2,1; Firefighter 3,2,1; Music Cadet Assistant 3,2,1; Hop and Floor Electrical Crew 4,3,2,1; Aviation Explores Assocate Adviser 3,2,1; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Manager of the PX 1; Lodge 4,3,2,1; IEEE 3,2,1.
"Crusty" came to VMI in hopes of flying for the Air Force and becoming an Electrical Engineer, both goals of which he has accomplished, but harder than expected. Mark, like many new Rats carried the torch for the hometown sweetheart. Later he realized he needed something closer to the "Lodge", he to found the road to "Sem" and branched his interest to even New Jersey and Ohio, but finding the scenery nicer Lovingston. Mark managed to have some good times at the "Lodge", including his discovery of "Dove for Dishes" but most of all his invention of the "Crusty Strut". "Dispite EE Mark found FCP." Mark plans to have pilot wings but the Air Force has him as a navigator. Sacrameto is the first stop on his Air Force career.
DYKES: 1975 Kevin Wright
1981 David Wood

Joseph Warren Hutt III
"Jay", "Nutt", "Hutty", "Cowboy"
Franklin, Virginia
English Army (Artillery)
Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt 2, 1st Lt. 1, Co. X.O.; Rat Co. Commander; Library Ass. 3,2,1; Cadet Host Parents Weekend; Cadet Staff Writer 3,2,1; Varsity tennis 4; '32 Crew 3,2,1, Hop&floor 3,2, V.P. 1; VMI Symposium 3,2; Candidate for Honors in English 1.
Life has been touch on a would-be U.Va preppie who made the VMI scene. Undaunted, Jay has done his best to take life as easy as possible here at the "I". His outrageous permits have been the scourge of the Commandant's office. He tried everthing from "Wildcat Enterprises" to extending his returns to barracks for any and every conceivable reason! It's now at the point where Jay's name insures a permit's immediate disapproval. Nutt's happiness is tied up in four things: Joan, Good Times, Booze, and his "Good Tunes" (.98 Kroger Specials!) But there is no doubt in our minds that this tall, well-mannered, smooth talking southern gentleman will go far in the real world! Good Luck from the '32 crew! All thanks to the following. I couldn't have made it without all of you: mom, dad, Betsy, Rich, Joan, J.K., Ries, Dave, Longwell, Turk, and God.
DYKES: 1975 Bo Temple
1981 Phillip Saunders







Mark Tobin Hunter

Joseph Warden Hutt III

Spruel Pendleton James III





Edward Russell Johnson
"Ed", "Big Ed", "Eddy", "Bristol Pistol", "Hair Bear"
Bristol, Virginia
Economics Civilian Corps
CADET 3,2,1; Program Chairman Society of Young Economists 1, Pre Law Society 4; Dean's List 4,3,2; Debate Team 3,2; Intermural Tennis 1, Basketball 3,2,1; Society of Young Democrats 3; Alpha Sigma Tau Little Brother 3; Tucker St. Inn 3; English Speaking Union 3; Southwest Virginia Club; Coveted Recondo Badge Holder; Graduate of Ft. Dragg Summa Cum Laude; Exchange Student W&L 2,1; MBC Raid 1; Economics Research 1
VMI has seemed like an eternity because it isolates an individual within its walls and denies him access to reality. Each successive year I lost a portion of my enthusiasm because of disappointing instructors in the economics department, and an administration that refused to modernize VMI and an intricate system which stressed the unimportant details of life. I failed to achieve my full academic potential at VMI, but my education was compensated by a system which fostered meaningful relationships with cadets. I owe a great deal to my father, who never lost faith in me. I owe a great deal to my friends at VMI, who will be my friends forever; they helped bring me out of the long periods of depression and allowed me to see some light when there was none. The VMI experience is behind me, success awaits, and I am free to do the things I had originally intended.
DYKES: 1975 Randy Frank
1981 John Cawthorne Tim Hillgass

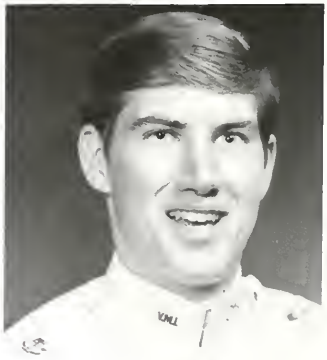


Robert Merritt Johann
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army, Corps of Engineers
Honor Court 1; Soccer 4,3,2,1, ASCE.
It was a puzzling thing. The truth knocks on the door and you say, "Go away, I'm looking for the truth," and so it goes away. Puzzling.
R.M. Pirsig
DYKES. 1975 L.S. Nottingham, III
James Andrew Jackson



Robert Weston Jenvey II
"Bob", "Bobby", "Loop-Garu", "Wolfie"
Richmond, Virginia
History-Foot Soldier
Football 4; Wrestling 4; Rugby 3,2,1; College Democrats 2,1; Secretary 4; Private 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,2,1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club (Headgear and Ordnance Chief); Ghetto 4,2,1; Perverted Corner 2; Room 138 SKY KINGS.
My everlasting thanks must go to my Mom and Dad, without whom I would never have survived to graduate. Always remember I love you both. Now I have a B.A. in History, an M.A. in Debauchery, and I hope to get my doctorate in Metaphysics so I may finally become the magician I was always cut out to be. I have the rabbit, now all I need is a handout from a C.E. to get myself the tophat and cape. I will honestly say that I had fun here, plus a lot of rack time. Caught between being a Virginia gentleman and a Rugby wild man, I was honored to attend such functions as a VMI Ring Figure and a munch-out in Irby's house at 2 a.m., in addition to surviving two Mardi Gras celebratins (back to back even) and a very "colorful" trip in the Cole Field House at College Park. In any event, I am now prepared to reach Nirvana with Donald Currin and Mike Moore and follow the Noble Eightfold Path. Take care guys.
Dykes: 1975 Charlie Freeman
1981 George Depaoli





Robert Weston Jenvey II

Robert Merritt Johann

Edward Russell Johnson









Russell Alan Johnson
"Russ", "RA"
Enterprise, Alabama
CE- Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; DMS; Rifle Team 4,3; Monogram Club 3; Tanker Platoon 2,1; Computer Center Assistant 2,1; AUSA 2,1; VMI Scouter's Club 4,3,2,1; President 3,2,1; Scuba Club 4; ASCE Concrete Canoe 2,1; Bomb Staff 4; New Barracks Water Hockey Team 1; Room 280 Cooch Club; OGA 1.
Russ entered VMI as a Lt. Colonel from JROTC only to become a lowly "Rat". Three years later he recovered from the shock and once again has proven himself as an outstanding leader (Super Summer '77 Ooo Raa!) Russ has been a good roommate and a true friend. The best to you always in what ever you do! "HOW DID I GET HERE?" I have been asking this guestion ever since I was accepted by VMI, a school that I has read about only once in the 17 years prior to my application. However, VMI is an experience that I wouldn't of wanted to miss, and I'm glad I made it. I don't know how I'm going to thank bill and Jack for putting up with me for three years, but then I had to put up with them also. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything.
DYKES: 1975 Trey Brenckman
1981 Bill Argiriou

Russell Alan Johnson

Glen Nathan Jones
"Trashcan", "Kunte Kinte' from Kentucky'
Sharpsburg, Kentucky
Math Army (Armor)
Honor court 2,1; Math Club 1; PVT. 4,Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 2Lt 1; Football 4,3,2,1, Tri-Capt. 1; Promaji 2,1; F.C.A. 3,2,1; Track 4,3,1.
I've gained many things while here at VMI- lasting friendships, knowledge, strength I've met many wonderful people here, LTC. and Mrs. Eugene H. Grayson Jr. and family, the Reithmillers, Coach King, Pete, Lenny, Nelson, Rick, Johnny G. . My family has inspired me in so many ways and I can only say thankyou; Mamma, Joseph, John Allen, Helen, Shantel, Faye, Rhonda, "Boo", THANKYOU and I Love You Marlene, thankyou for being MY GIRL. Memories will forever be in my mind of my experiences while at VMI (thanks Pete, Lenny, Nelson).
Dear Lord,
I thankyou for helping me through my yesterdays and for blessing me in my todays and Dear Lord thankyou for leading me into my tomorrows.
Thankyou Dear Lord for blessing me and keeping men. Amen
DYKES: 1975 Jay Newcomer
1981 Jim Toth
David Washington



Glen Nathan Jones



David Joseph Kahle
"Dave", "Roach", "Quiller", "Yankee"
Jersey City, New Jersey
History - Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1, New York - New Jersey Club 4,3,2,1; International Relations Club 4,3,2,1; W.L.U.R. 4; Damn Yankee 4,3,2,1; OGA 1
Dave Kahle had spent many years preparing for and looking foward to college, but when it was time to go he came to VMI instead. As a cadet Dave learned many things the hard way, such as the disadvantage of sleeping in Pittsburg while the stick is being run in Lexington, the effects of a right hook and most important of all, that cockroaches can swim in the messhall coffee and survive. During all of these hardships, Dave remembered what is said of VMI building character and teaching the importance of detail (of course he didn't believe it). Now it is time for Dave to leave VMI and go out into the real world where he will find out whether or not VMI has adequatly prepared him for life. I think it has
DYKES 1975 Bill Kobus
1981 Bob Silverman

David Joseph Kahle

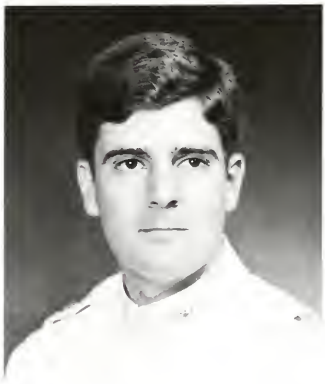


Bruce Groman Kay
"Bruce", "B.G.", "Goof", "Hebe", "J", "Broccoli"
Chevy Chase, Maryland
English- Army Armour
Private 4,3,2,1; Frustrated Ranker 4,3,2,1; Varsity Fencing 4, SNATDC 3,2,1; Harrah Inc. 3,2; Religious Council 3; Business Manager SOUNDING BRASS 2,1; Tanker Platoon 3,2, Platoon Sgt 1, English Society 2,1; Ring Figure Selection and Construction Committee 3,2; Publication Board 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Jackson's Battery 2; TCFC 3,2, Zoo Crew Olympic Belly Slide Gold Medalist 1.
What can you say about a guy who is the only Jew in our class (really!) and has been your roommate for 3 years? A HELL OF A LOT actually! Bruce has been a friend and compatriot all of this time and in spite of all of our jokes and jibes he has never really lost his cool. From the Saturday night drinking parties in barracks to our ill-fated venture into apartment leasing, B.G. has been in it through thick and thin. Bruce, all I can say is thanks. I wish you luck with that special girl and good luck in your future. **Shalom,** brother.
JLC
DYKES: 1975 Felix Wolkowitz
1981 Jeff Adler

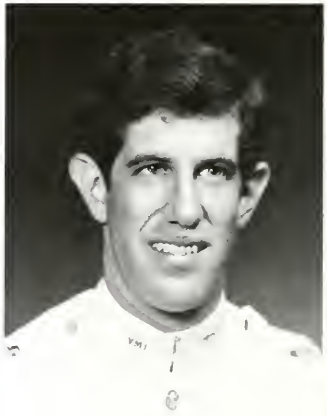


Vagel Charles Keller, Jr.
"Vagel", "Vague", "Bagel", "Goof"
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering- Army (Armor)
Swim Team 4, glee Club 4,3; Librarian 2,1; Zoo Crew 3,2,1, Tanker Platoon 3,2,1; Platoon Leader 1, Pep Band 4,3,2, S.N.A.T.D.C. 3,2,1; Hurrah-Corp. 3,2; Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt 1, Band Co. Winning & Dining Club 1.
When Vagel walked through the arch on Aug 21, 1974, he came with two strikes against him- his name and his nose. His dyke hastened to inform all of us in 1234 that his dyke was to be a ranker. Well, he was. His girlfriend was snaked by a B.R. his rat year, and he was shot down his third class year. However, he soon found a new love- the M-48A1 tank. How anyone could love a lump of cold steel was beyond me, but it happened. His enthusiasm for anything with tracks was only momentarily distracted when he met Patty. Having dyked with him, I came to live with him our second class year, and although his brass blinded me at times, he has been a close friend and a true Brother Rat (even though he has no respect for History majors). I wish you the best of luck in the future, Bagel.
J.E.M. '78
Dykes: 1975 Hamid Moghevemi-Tehrani
1981 Hal Scott









Patrick David Kelly
"P.D., Bone"
Fort Worth, Texas
English Army (Infantry)
Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Monogram Club President 1; Posit Committee 1; Athletic Council 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1.
I've been asked the question "why did you leave Texas and come to VMI" at least a million times since I showed up in Lexington, and, to tell the truth, I haven't come up with a good answer in 4 years I intered the Institute as a very naive individual, but after 4 years of both heartbreak and good times, I have learned a great deal about life. without a doubt, the greatest thing I have gained at V.M.I. is the friendship of a select few, and I want to thank these people for helping me along (they know who they are). A very special thanks goes out to the Nichols family, who accepted me into their home on so many occasions. And most of all, I want to thank my parents. Although we were 1300 miles apart I always know they were behind me, and they're love will always be remembered.
DYKES: 1975 Steve Chapin
1981 Geoff Hinshelwood
Jeff Gill
Andy Kolesar

Bruce Groman Kay

Vagel Charles Keller Jr.

Patrick David Kelly



Paul William Kenney
"P.W.", "Quasar"
Wilmongton, Delaware
History-Army (Artillery)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Rat Rapelling 2; Guidon, E Company 2,1; English Speaking Union 1; Civil War Roundtable 4,3,2; President 1; VMI Greys 4,3; VMI Museum 1; HOtel Roanoke committee 2; Mary Baldwin raid 1; OGA 1.

"The turmoil and shouting die.
The captains and kings depart.
Still stand thine ancient sacrifice-
A humble and contrite heart.
Lord, God of hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Four years ago the Institute presented me with a set of goals which have now been fulfilled. The road has not been easy, instead, it has been quite difficult. I learned from various mistakes and profitted from certain accomplishments Fortunate enough to have certain people back me, whether it be my parents, faculty, or an understanding dyke, their advice and guidance kept me in the right direction. Finally the future holds new experience of goals. The set of ideals learned at VMI should make life go easier.
DYKES: Randy Frank 1975
David Hoes 1981



Paul William Kenney

Stephen Patrick Wenceslaus Ketterer
"Creature", "Critter", "Ket", "Sp Head", "Big Head"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Chemistry-Army (Armor)
Rifle Team 4; Fencing Team 3; Chairman 3rd Class Variety Show 3; Timmins Society 4,3,2; President Timmins Society 2; Glee Club 4; Founders Day Battery 3; American Chemical Society 2,1; First Rat Rum Trucker; Waynesboro Club; Pvt 4,2,1; Cpl 3; 137 Recon Force.

While the new Rat companies were being organized in August 1974 I stumbled up to a large red headed creature with a big grin. The cadre immediately attacked but the friendship had begun. From protecting him in water battles to taking him on the Mary Baldwin raid. From drinking beer and eating pizza to throwing shaving bombs in our first sergeant's room. From double dating two beautiful southern belles, to watching him do it nine times a day. From a cultural wasteland to the grossest room in barracks. From two first round corporals to the proudest first class privates. From carrying him to his room dead drunk before the New Market Day parade to marching in President Carter's inaugural parade. From passing a number one around the room to sitting down and drinking Old Jack. It's going to be a sad day when the Ket and I take our separate roads. Take care Steve. Bob
DYKES: 1975 Len Reidel
1974 Louis Dowdy
1981 Terry Murphy, Allen McLachlen





Stephen Patrick Ketterer

John Tanner Kinnier III
"Bear", "Cool Breeze"
Williamsburg, Virginia
Economics-Army (Artillery)
Rugby 4,3,2,1; Water Polo 3,4; No. 1 Club 3,2, Estelle's Stockholder 1; Matrie De at Club Crozet 1; Mud Slides in Uniform; Hampden Sydney Shower Club and Vocal Group; How Many Inch/Pumps, Flagpoles; Raise Hell and Eat Chicken . . .

Jay is one of the few people who can go the VMI and not be from VMI. Somehow he always remained above the system, Although he had plenty on chances to get in to it (S, No. 1 on down the line) and Numerous contacts with all levels of the administration???-Staff, He still managed to stay just one step over the line. He's one of the few people I know who can take all the school's ups and downs and still keep a humorous outlook on things. All I can say is keep it up, its the only way to go. The Big "P". Well its my turn now Thanks to everyone who make my stay at this country club so enjoyable, "All the Boys", Solid, Double-Wide, Buck-Buck and especially mom and that special little lady from the 'Burg.

"An Individual's first duty is to live his life as his principles demand".

Thoreau.

Dykes: 1975 Ben "Grub Elite" Vandeberry
1981 John "The RAt" Sederat



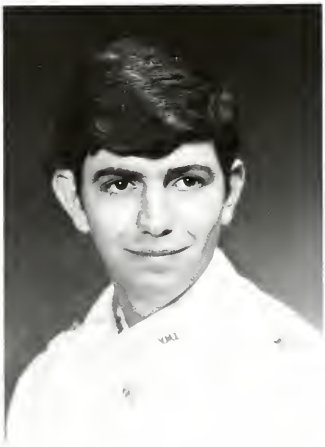


John Tanner Kinnier III

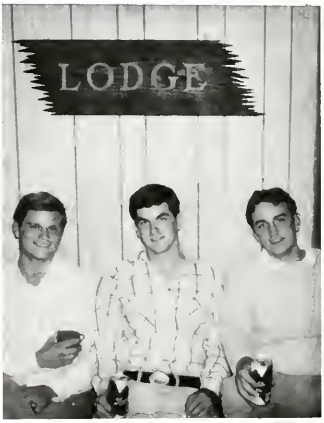


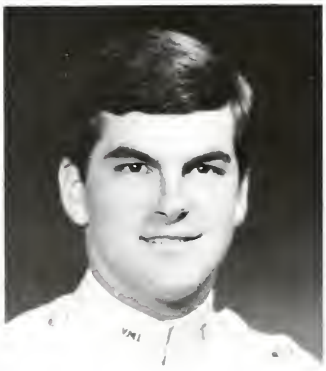
Robert Merle Kirby
"Slide", "Kirb", "Scunge", "Skid", "Goatman"
Pungo, Virginia
Civil Engineering Navy
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Color Sgt. 2, 1st Bn. S-3, 1; A.S.C.E.; S.A.M.E; Theater 4; Cadet Ass. 1; Naval Scholarship; Firefighters 2,1; Dean's List; Band Co. Beaters 4,3; R.O.A. 2,1; Aggressors 3; Gold Coast 3,2,1; Who's Who.
The "Kirb" came here from Pungo a little less than well informed about the "I". The biggest disappointment came at the end of his first semester when he found out that he couldn't get a B.S. in plumbing. It was too late, so he stuck it out in C.E. and by his second class year he made the "independent study" list. Along with Dean's List came "stars", but the "Slide" soon found they were the wrong "color". Hard work and **two** years of corporal details earned the "Kirb" another stint outside Band Co. Along with his "staff" infection came a whole new attitude for the "Kirb"- SLIDE, and boy did he ever! Through his first class year, burning up the road between Lexington, Farmville, and Sam's trailor, six times! The boys in 161 will always remember the "Kirb" as a good B.R., someone we could count on. God Bless you, "Slideman" (and your car). I guess I'll just say "Anchors aweigh" and let the squids take ya from there.
DYKES: 1975 Len Riedel
1981 Ray Leggett
John Owens

Jefferey Brad Kitts
"Brad", "Cool Ray"
Blacksburg, Virginia
Economics-Air Force
Civil Roundtable 1; Cadet Circulation Staff (Paper Folder) 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Arnold Air Society 4; Mary Baldwin Raid 1; OGA. 1.
"Last thing I Remember, I was Running for the door,
I had to find the passage Back to the place I was before
'Relax,' Said the night man, 'We are programmed to receive.
You can Check out any time you like, But you can never leave.'"
The Eagles, "Hotel California"
Dykes: 1975 Paul Gregory
Rick Henning
1981 Scott Armstrong



John Frederic Klag
John Boy, "Tex", Crab, JK
Westlake, Ohio
Economics- Navy
Rifle 4,3,2,1; Cpt. Rifle Team 2,1; "Lodge" 4,3,2,1; Hop & Floor 2,1; "Hound Society" 1; Fire Fighters 3.
John entered V.M.I. with hopes of being a civil engineer, but soon realized "econ" was more along his line. In the first few years, John met numerous nice girls, but always held back for his flame back home. It wasn't until his first class year that he realized that "on the hound" was best. I'm sure he would have handled Richmond, M.B.C., or U.V.A. a little differently if he had become a "Hound" at an earlier age. Luckily, he soon found what "Sem" was really there for. I must give him credit for getting me and Mark a date or two from Ohio. John will never forget dinners and nights at the "Lodge" and the lonely trip back to barracks. John hopes to fly for the Navy and live in California in the future, then further his education and work with his father.
DYKES: 1975 Bill Witherow
1981 H. Clarkson Meredith III









Robert Merle Kirby

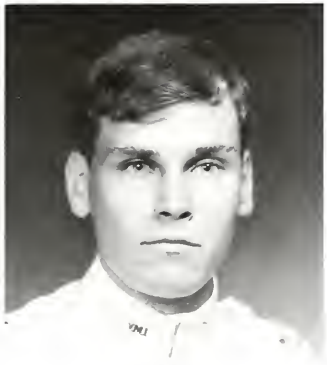
Jeffrey Brad Kitts

John Frederic Klag



Scott James Konkus
"BINE"
Raritan, New Jersey
Electricall Engineering-Air Force
Pvt. 4,2,1; Rm. 400, 370, 292, 193 Zoo Crews; Cpl. 3; IEEE.
Upon my first day at VMI I knew very little of myself or what I was getting into. Well, I've come a long way since August 21, 1974. I've felt both the painful setbacks of failure, and the thrill of success. I discovered the true meaning to words such as patience, sacrifice, respect, and pride. But the 4 years of the "Institute" has instilled in me a certain characteristic which I shall be forever thankful: that is no matter how low the trials of life get you down, never look back, always push ahead, and "never say die." With these virtues I've set my goals, and found which direction to go to acheive them.
DYKES: 1975 Arthur J. Sigsbury
1981 Raymond R. Lawson







John J. Lach
"The Mandrill", "The Lachowski"
Parma, Ohio
Chemistry- Air Force
Horseback Riding 2,1; Deans List 2,4; OGA1.
After one too many "set-up", the mandrill struck out on his own to taste the fruits of Virginis's ladyfolk. This was a fitting finish to four years of suffering through the rack-master's "Great Ideas." While I smothered under unjust institute restrictions, John left every weekend to enjoy his 1st class privileges. Following three years of "Hard Labor" in truth, it took us four years to turn that motivated chemist into an apathetic slob. John, no one else could have told **Homo Reclinus** where to "stuff it" and then be thanked for it. Its been an enlightening four years. In spite of corps trips, women beating at the door and undisturbed evenings of study, we still found the time to "snake" a diploma and form a bond of friendship we neither expected nor understand.
DYKES: 1975 Kevin Nettrour
1981 Laz Szebelledy



Scott Edward LaCagnin
"Squirrel", "Dirty Harry", "Guinea"
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
History-Army (Artillery)
Corporal 3, Pvt. 2,1; Firefighters 3; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; Rangers 2; Military Society 4; 109-169 Gun Runners 2,1; Coffee Club 2,1; O.G.A. 1.
An experience- the only way to describe Scott. Since our third class year when I met the so-called Guinea and agreed to room with him, it has been one great event after another, fortunately all of them good. No other two people in barracks can say they earned the title that we earned together. All in fun certainly, but then again some people will probably wonder about the two most violent men in barracks!! It will be different now that it's over (no more 00 zero) but no doubt it will remain fond memories even though tough guy would not admit it for the world. Best of luck in the Army (and after?) and try not to become shark bait. Keep in touch. L.C.
DYKES: 1975 Larry Hendry
1981 "Joe" Mannix and Gleen Alexander



Scott James Konkus

Scott Edward LaCagnin

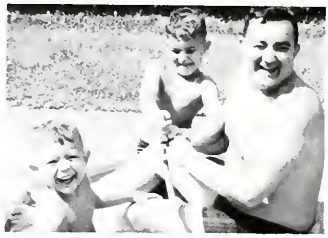
John J. Lach

Kenneth Joseph Lafferty
"Lafo", "The LAF", "Powder Man", "Laffo-ty"
Brooklyn, New York
Biology- Armor
Rugby 1; Hop & floor 1,2,3,4; Pre-Med Society 1,2,3; International Relations Club 1; The VMI Cadet 3; Ring Figure Magazine Business Editor 3; Ghetto Boys 3,4; Football and Basketball Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Young Democrats 1; Cadre Corporal 2; Cadre Sgt. 3; Pvt. 1; Mary Baldwin Raiders 1; N.Y.-N.J. Club 2,3; O.G.A. 1.
Yes, the time has come for me to say goodbye and to leave this "pleasant abode". Sure, it has been a long, hard 4 years, but I have learned and accomplished a great deal! I sincerely want to thank the three people who helped me get through the Big "I" during my difficult times: my lovely Mom, dear Dad and finally my fantastic Uncle Joe. Thank you for all your love, guidance, devotion and especially the swift kick in the posterior when I needed it the most. I love you dearly for it. Well, time to look out world, the Laf is on the move. Farewell, my Bro's and especially my best friends in room 142: BIG, Landshark, Scratch and Teddybear! My life will never be the same.
DYKES: 1975 James Berny
1981 Michael O. Placzek





Kenneth Joseph Lafferty



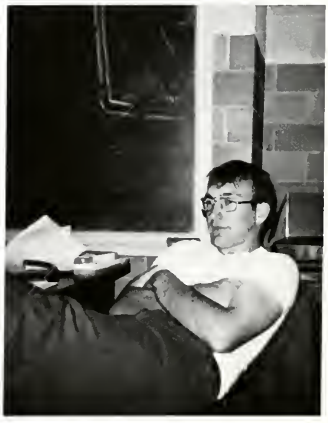


Mark Elliot Lambert
"Hollywood", "Hipless", "Lance", "Long Distance", "Slambert", "M.E."
Middletown, Ohio
Economics Army (Armor)
Football 4,3,2,1; Track 3; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Society of Young Economists 1; Mary Baldwin Raiders 1; Sweet Briar Social Club 2,1; Swingin' East Side 3,2,1; Scuba Club 3,2; Pvt. 4,2,1, Cpl. 3; VMI 1000 yd. Club; Leading Passer Southern Conference-1975; Bacardi 151 Club; Delta Gamma-Purdue; VMI Ohio Board of Visitors; Captain-Keydet Airforce. What can I say? After four long years, the struggle is almost over. But I must admit that it has been worth all the trials and tribulations. After a difficult time trying to adjust to the ways of VMI, I came to the realization that things weren't all that bad here. I decided that while at times one must fight the system and at other times try to beat it, the best formula for success was to grow with the system, to be flexible. There has been many disappointments and frustrations, but also many achievements and great times I will cherish forever. At times, things did not go as planned, perhaps unjustly and for no sensible reason. As a result, I aquired some qualities I never thought I possesed: perserverence, detrmination, and patience. I couldn't have gotten by without a little help from friends. Tom, Dave and Don have been just super roommates. And there is no way I could have made it without Mike, Mom, and Dad, thanks for putting up with me and for making it all possible.
DYKES: 1975 Dean Armstrong
1981 John C. Williams III

Mark Elliot Lambert



Craig Barry Larrimore
"C.B."
Sykesville, Md.
Physics-army (Field Artillery)
Wrestling 4; Ranger Platoon 3; R.F.Y.L. 2,1; S.P.S. 3,1; Guardian of the Arch 2,1; D.M.S.; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; O.G.A. 1.
Craig came to the "I" with a very "gung-ho" attitude but after four years of various adventures he leaves V.M.I. a D.M.S. and looking for a way out of the Army. Being a physicist, Craig developed Larrimore's constant and became a big hit with his B.R.'s of the Physics Department. (Many problems were unsolvable before this time.) Craig grew less and less motivated in his Third Class year with the thousands of repetitions of "The Green Beret" and "The Theme Song From Patton", but after that fantastic weekend at Hotel Roanoke, things looked up for Craig. After super summer '77 and a trip across the U.S. Craig returned to his First Class year with fear in his eyes for Cool Willie, Pud and all the gang of Mallory. This was their last chance but Craig made it. Never again will he cry "BOHICA!!"
DYKES: 1975 Richard Mines
1981 Dick Commerford



Craig Barry Larrimore

Gregory Andrew Larsen
L.A., Greg
Fairfax, Virginia
History Army/Infantry
Pvt 4,3,2,1; RFYL 4,3,2,1; 109-169 Gun Runners; 302 South Jefferson Association; Fezant 2,1; Blue Ridge Expeditionary Force; Summer School 4,3,2,1; English Speaking Union 1.
Greg- a magician with cardboard, a leering, ethereal diplomat, a minstrel beyond the mundane, censor of King Boo-Boo, pursuer of right, pursuer of anything.
The summer of '77 was delightfully bizzarre, with Greg contributing greatly. The Blue Ridge Parkway cringed before his dulcimer and 302 S. Jefferson lies granded by his artistic binges. Greg's friendship will always remain indespensible. His ribald wit has often rescued me and others from dire depressions, and that alone is enough to eternally bind the three of us, plus one. If not, then I can toss in his brilliance, his boundless creativity, and his kind and gentle nature (he'll never agree, but it's damn true). it should suffice to say that he's indispensible to us, and that's what counts
"Deepest thanks and love to my parents, I couldn't have made it without their support."
DYKES: 1975 Mike Mueller
1981 Bob Eakle, Gene Bigelow





Gregory Andrew Larsen





William Pierece Leavenworth
"Bill", "Slacky", "Moh-Ho"
Saginaw, Michigan
Civil Engineering-Army (Armor)
Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Fire Fighters 3,2,1; Grottos 3,2,1; Militaria Society 4; Fencing Team 4,3; Orienteering Club 2,1; Tanker Platoon 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; D.M.S., New Market March 3; Presidential Inaguration Contingent 2; A.U.S.A. 2,1; Rack Lab 101 4,3,2,1, O.G.A. 1
It was a hot day in August when Bill began his relationship with V.M.I., but it got hotter mighty fast. We spent quite a few warm days as B Company rats under Muh-Reen Bohon. Bill originally wanted to be a West Pointer, but soon learned the error of his ways and came to appreciate the healthful and pleasant abode. There have been many challenges, such as when Bill earned his "Ooh-Rah Airborne!" wings at Ft Benning and those 5 glorious weeks at Ft Dragg Summer Cramp. (sic) Bill and I have not agreed on all things, but he is a man of strong beliefs, with courage to stand up for them. He is a man I'm proud to call "Brother Rat." Most Famous Quote: "Sir, Recondo Leavenworth requests permission to climb the 82nd Airborne, All-American, Recondo suspension traverse, Sir!"
DYKES: 1975 Doug Baird, Barry Lineback
1981 David Farnsworth, George Chung

William Pierece Leavenworth



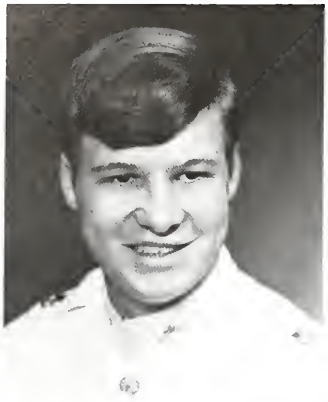
James Johnston Leech
"Jim", "Jimmy", "Electron"
El Paso, Texas
Biology-Army (Field Artillery)
Cpl 3; FSgt 2; 1st Bn. Comdr. 1; Honor court President 1; Athletic Trainer 4,3; Cadet Program Board 3,2,1; Drug Advisory Committee 3,2; Academically Distinguished 4,3; Dean's List 2; DMS; Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Rattlesnakes 4,3,2,1; Rabble Rousers 1.
In every class that leaves VMI, there goes with it a few outstanding individuals who seem to have achieved every honor a man could reach at this college. As the most respected man in the Corps, by cadets and faculty alike, Jim has walked the thin line between adherence to regulations and the obligation to himself of having a good time. Dean's List, herpetology, sloe gin, bee-bopping, Charlie Company and dedication are phrases that will always remind his classmates of this 130 lb., airborne, intellectual Texan. He's the one you ask when nobody else knows.
And all he wants in return? A harmonica, the Hippocratic Oath, a little piece of Texas and one of those beautiful girls especially saved for guys like him. It's his sort that has made VMI worthwhile. Good luck, Leech. "Speak softly and carry a snake stick." DIITDWSOR.

BCS

DYKES: 1975 John Costa
1981 Mike Sawyer



James Johnston Leech



Leonard James Logan
"Lenny"
Hamilton, Virginia
Math Air Force
Pvt. 4,2,1, Cpl. 3; Rugby 4,3,1; Math Club 1; Pamaji 2,1; Athletic Council 2,1; Young Democrats 2,1; Dean's List 2,1; B.S.U. 4,3.
After four years of cadet life at the "Big I", I can say that I didn't learn one thing — What college life was like. My first class year has come the closest to experiencing a college atmosphere. Even though, the four years I spent here were not the greatest, I have managed to cheerish some fine moments. The many friends I have made though my four years here are truly a cheerished memory in itself. Life at "the I" is not a fun time, but it is one a person will always remember, as I did. My four years at the Institute was like a death sentence waiting to be executed. Case dismissed!!!!
DYKES: 1975 Michael Woodward
1981 Robert Williams



Edwin Franklin Little
Hampton, Virginia
Biology Air Force
Glee Club 4,3; B.S.U. 4,3,2,1; Summer Missions Chairman 2; Cpl. 3, Pvt. 4,2,1
It was a warm day in August when "Irwin the Great" appeared in the land of Lower Barracksa. The glint in his eye showed that he was here to make this land his own. One look at his face showed that he was a man that came rapidly to a point. Edwin soon distinguished himself among his roommates as a man of few words. After his rat year he joined the Four Musketeers of Room 306, a group in which he was very soon wrapped-up. He followed this by showing the unusual ability of being able to live in a three-man closet for both his second and first class years. but seriously, over the years Ed has shown a quiet form of leadership which few men ever develop in this age of boisterous. His Christian commitment in the Baptist Student Union is without parallel. Of course, he had to be a very unusual character to put up with the same roommate for three years. Good Luck in the future, Ed. I hope you always continue to be a man who stands out in front.
DYKES: 1975 Fred Martin
1981 Jim Hart



John Henry LeResche III
"Johnny Wadd", "J W ", "Wadd", "Johnny"
Torrance, California
Economics Army (Armor)
Pvt 4,3,1, Civilian 2; Civil War Round Table 3; New Market Death March 3; Summer School Inmate 327-B 3.
What can one say about the "Wadd". He sleeps alot and studies little and is always looking for a date or two. He survived the Sponge, the Tin Soldier, the Rocking Chair, Harry and Simon An injury kept him away from the "Big I" and Ring Figure '78, so he lived it up as a civilian; chasing women and basking in the sun (we'll never forgive you for that, Wadd). The "Wadd" is a true economist in that he "assumes" that he is an econ. major The "Wadd" will be back again, though, while most of us will be pursuing other goals, but he won't be forgotten quickly. He's a true friend, always ready to lend a helping hand Good Luck in the future, Wadd.
DYKES: 1975 Mike Mulligan
1981 A.T. Funkhouser







John Henry LeResche III

Leonard James Logan

Edwin Franklin Little

Robert Manning Loflin, Jr.
"Lof", "Hopalong", "Regimental Gief Giver", "Beert", "Bert"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History Army (Infantry)
Cpl. 3; F.C.A. 2,1; Ghetto 4,2,1; Society of Average Students 3,2,1; Football 4,2; Richmond Club (Honorary) 2,1; Local 246 2; Ski Club 1.
Bert came to us from one of the two armpits of Virginia, not Richmond but Lynchburg. He progressed through his rat year and soon realized that he came to VMI for the sheepskin, not for the military. His second semester of residence he became a Historian, though the guidance of the Biology Dept. and grew quite fond of his hay. Bert was also drafted from Thalman's ranks and found a place on the intramural championship team his third class year. That same year Bertallion took a hit on the dating scene but quickly made up for lost time his second and first class years. Even fate, who gave him a ton of plaster and a beautiful railroad track, could not keep our brave hero from his appointed rounds. ! Vaya con Dios!, Good Luck, Amen.
DYKES: 1975 John Sookup
1981 Larry Butler













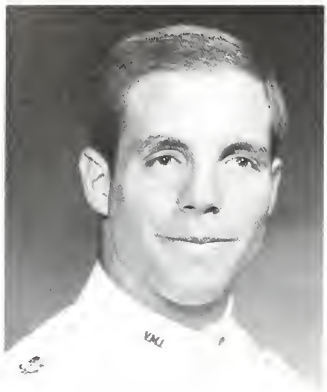
Clyde Wilson Long
"Country", "Clyde Long Super Strong"
Hampton, Virginia
Biology- Army (Armor)
Pre Med and Dental Society 2; Civil War Round Table 3, Baptist Student Union 2; OGA 1
I have had the privilege of being Clyde's roommate for nearly four years, and have had time to draw a few conclusians about my brother rat. He can be so spacey sometimes, you feel that only grabbing him by the collar and shaking him will bring him back. When Clyde finally does come down, you are sure to find the most likeable and friendly individual you will ever have the pleasure to meet. Clyde is always quick to smile, or joke around, or to wrestle Jack and I till one of us "truces it", but besides his good humor, his genuineness, sensitivity for others, and strong determination are his real substance. A final word- Clyde's patent line for three years has been "I won't look at girls till I'm 25 or 30." I wonder if Clyde knew Donna when he thought that up? Good Luck.
DMC
DYKES. 1975 Danny Daniels
1981 Scott Falls

Dennis Wayne Long
"Cheese"
Montpelier, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force
Firefighters 4,3; ASCE 4,3,2, Run For Your Life 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 4, Tidewater Club 4,3,2; Arnold Air Society 4,3,2,1; Hughes' Sunday Dinner Club 4,3,2,1; OGA 1
Throughout the four years at VMI I have had one goal, to get a degree in Civil Engineering and finally I have acheived that.
While here at the Big I, I met a beautiful young lady named Mary Jane, who is to be my future wife. She has been exceptionally sweet and helpful. I personally thank her for all the help and love she has given me these past years and will continue in the future.
Momma and Virgil, I can't express how much you all have done for me except that I love you both with all my heart.
Now I want to extend my thanks to my roommates for being able to put up with me. Thank you Mike, John, and Stan.
Again I thank all of you for all your help and love.
DYKES: 1975 Louis Dowdy
1981 William Bird (Woodpecker)
Mark LaBrecque

Robert Manning Loflin, Jr.

Clyde Wilson Long

Dennis Wayne Long





William Robert Lowe
"Country-Boy" "Billy-Boy" "The Remington Redneck"
Remington Virginia
History-Army (Infantry)
VMI riding team 4 3; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Student grotto 4 3; Treasurer 2; Civil War Roundtable 3; Vice President 2; Deans List; DMS; 1976 March to New Market; Rat Training repeling Instructor 3 2 1; "Airborne"; Cadre 3 1; Mononuchiosis.
Rob and I started off our third class year with high hopes and glorious aspirations of a better life at VMI. Then one miserable morning we found Billy on our doorstep. As he looked up at us with a big wide grin and said "Hi" we knew our dreams had been shattered. We did our best with this demented red-neck to keep him a private but failed as he gained rank first as a cpl. Then sergeant and finally lieutenant. Along with this gaining of stripes and between his midnight sallies to the concourse for his nightly hour telephone conversations with Jan he achieved Dean's List a DMS rating and a trip to Fort Benning where he earned his Airborne Wings. He stopped using Brylcream but it was too much to ask of him to get rid of his Hank Williams records pick-up truck and easy-rider rifle rack. Still we wish you Good Luck: Bobby and Robby
Dykes: 1975 Bill Phillips
1981 Paul Andrus



Robert McHenry Longwell
"Bob", "Hogbody", "Jeepkiller"
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
CE- United Stated Marine Corps
Wrestling 1,3,4, Track 3,2; Rat Training 2,1; RDC Vice-president 1; Cpl. 3, Pvt 2,1; Hollins; OGA 1.
And it came to pass that in August of 1974 a Yank from Lancaster descended upon VMI Despite his dyke, he made a habit of looking bad and taking more weekends than many First Classmen his Rat year. His cries of "Lets run it tonight" didn't bother me half as much as his cries of "Marine Corps" while holding a bayonet to my nose. Bob has the distinction of being the only person who can wallow in bed Life for Bob was easy with his car his 3rd, 2nd class years Off every weekend having fun seemed to be his major for awhile Lori looked like she had him but due to his Marine training he slipped by Hogbody is a good guy despite the Marine in him If anyone needed help and could get hold of him, he'd give it. Good Luck buddy!
DYKES: 1975 Dan Heiken
1981 Jerry Manley

Mark Pelham Lowe
Lynchburg, Virginia
Modern Languages-Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4, Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Cadre 4,3,2,1; American Chemical Society 4,3, Karate Club 4; Militaria Society 4; Tanker Platoon 3; Sport Parachute Club 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Psych. Dept. Asst. 1; TCFC; Ring Figure Committee; Shot Down in Flames Club; 45 Bar & Grill Club.
From History, the study of man, through Psychology, the study of man's mind, to Philosophy, man's use of that mind, Mark progressed. His studies were, in the truest sense "liberal". Liberal in both the extent of knowledge and the extensive work to gain knowledge. Just as it is never enough for a man to simply know, it was never enough for Mark to simply learn. Leading by example as an officer, teaching with patience, honor, duty, and deep loyalty is all Mark Good times? He's first in celebration Bad times? He's first to help and more. Mark's more than just a "Brother Rat" He's what few seek to be a **true** member of the Corps though not without his critics and faults, Mark is a man enough to stand and face them. He's not one soon forgotten.

"So it Goes"

-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

DYKES: 1975 Chuck Wohlrab







Robert McHenry Longwell

Mark Pelham Lowe

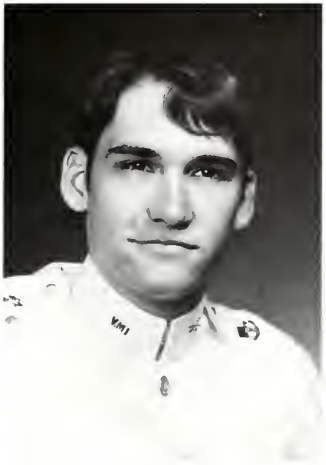
William Robert Lowe





David Earle Lucado
"Quazy", "Luck", "Skidman", "Hippie"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering Corps of Engineers
Cpl. 3, Reg Sgt. 2, Pvt 2, Band Co X-Zero 1; A.S.C.E. 3,2,1, S A M E 2,1 ?; Commanders 4,3,2,1; Who's Who 1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; West Point Flag Detail; Fly-by-Night Engineers 2,1; RECONDO 1; SKID CLUB 1. . . .
Back in August, 1974, "Luck" came to the "I" with two goals- a C.E. sheepskin and a 90 day stint in Uncle Sam's Army. Now, four years later, he pulls off both with a deftness that would astound Houdini. Actually, there was no magic at all- just three years of hard work coupled with one year of skidding. Highlights of Dave's "college" years include wining and dining on steak and rose in Club Crozet and a "trowless" trot across the parade ground with the "laid back" Band Co. staff. Along with the rest of the boys in the back corner of the mess hall, Dave proudly wore a reg haircut for his entire first class year. Even so, David had class- Scooter gave it to him in his room! I guess at this point, Dave would like to give the credit to the three things that helped him the most. He put it this way, "Thanks Mom, thanks Dad, thanks dine with parents- I'd have never made it with out you!" RMK
DYKES: 1975 Jim Schmidt
1979 Dennis Austin
1981 Dougie-Dear Dillard
Kurt Weaver

David Earle Lucado



James Edward Mackin
"Jim", "Gator", "Bayou Boy"
Shreveport, Louisiana
History-Army (Infantry)
Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Hockey Club 1; VMI CADET: Distribution 4, Copy Editor 2, News Editor 1, Proofreader 2,1; Rangers 3; Agressors 2,1; New Market March '76 3; Presidential Inaugral March 2; Cadet Battery 2,1; Civil War Round Table 3,2,1; Hurrah Corp 3,2; S.N.A.T.D. Club 3,2,1; Sans Pantalons Club 1; **Just Be Friends Club** 4,3,2; OGA 1
Gator breezed through Jackson Arch for the first time in August of 1974 mumbling something about wanting to live in a swamp with a cajun mama and eat up his weight in groceries-That was four years ago! Since then Jim and I have been like brothers and we have lived through some strange times with the "Armored Column", 493 trow battles, and wild parties at 7½ N. Jefferson-Remember the wood nymph, and crazy Mary From Ring Figure-and through it all, Jim never lost his cool at our comments about his Maine-Louisiana accent. Finally it took a cute little red-head from Sem to capture his heart and he has no desire to let go. Good luck in the future and remember, Gator, true friends are like gold-a rare gem. bgk
Dykes: 1975 Matt Matlaga
1981 Mike Duval



James Edward Mackin



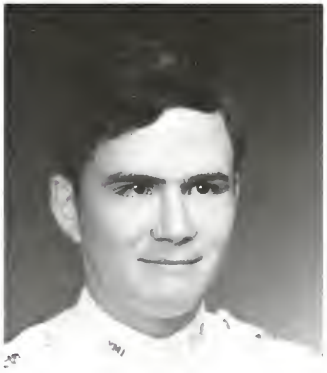
Robert Joseph Magnan
"Bob", "R.J.", "Jolsey", "Cro-Magnan", "Magnan-Force"
Secaucus, N.J.
English-Navy (Surface Line)
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Psuedo-Corporal 3; Deans List 2,1; International Relations Club 4,3,2,1; Secretary/Treasurer 2; President 1; English Society 2,1; Pre-law Society 2,1; Newman Forum 4, P.L.C 4,3; S-5 (Sucker) Tour Guide 4; NROTC Scholarship Giveaway Club 4; (Alleged) Southern Gentleman 2,1.
"Yo gonna Love it here!" With those words a well meaning alumnus "persuaded" me to go to V.M.I., leaving behind an NROTC scholarship, cars, hair, girls, friends, and 30 pounds of "excessive personality." That was four years ago, and since then I've managed to recover the car, break even on the hair and girls, keep the pounds off, (almost) find a legal way out of the Navy, and, most importantly, gain a good number of friends. I've also gained some things which can't be readily identified, at least not right now. (Just think of them as the "Intangibles" everyone talks about on their 25th reunion, and leave it at that.) Thanks to everyone for making the last four years memorable, and take care. Its been real, its been fun, and Yes, for the most
DYKES: 1975 "Fast ED" Richter
1981 Joe Moan



Robert Joseph Magnan

Elpidio Manoso III
"Pete", "Elpedro"
Va Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineers)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Rangers 3,2; Airborne School; Orienteering Club 2,1; Cadet Waiters 3,2,1; DMS; Deans List; Run-For-Your-Life 4,2,1; BSU 4,3; ASCE 2,1; SAME 2,1; OGA 1.
Starting off as a zoomie in electrical engineering, I finished my second class year as an Army airborne civil. Pt's, confinement, and dull hop weekends were charactoristic of my first two years. Beth soon entered the picture and had me counting down the days til each Friday. Maybe that's one of the reasons I had four sets of roommates in four years. Thanks to her wonderful family the past two years have been filled with Saturday night hamburger feasts and delicious Sunday Dinners. Mom and Dad were with me "All The Way" even at 2000ft. Their absence at two consecutive parent's weekends is forgiven. I leave the VMI with two goals. One is to be successful and make it back to our five year reunion. The other is not to return alone.
DYKES: 1975 Jay Jones
1981 Rob "Bozo" Costello
Frank "Twitch" Reece









Jonathan Allan Manson
"Charlie", "Charles"
Florence, Alabama
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineers)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; Ring Design Committee, Bomb Staff 1; Ring Figure Mess Hall Committee (Chairman), A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 1; Pervert Strip 4,3,2,1; Maj. Mann. 2; Col. Dobyns 3,2,1; Summer School 3; Skoal Club; Penalty Tours and Confinements 4,3,2,1; Buck's Fan Club; O.G.A. 1.
"I shall be telling this with a sigh,
Somewhere ages and ages hence,
How two roads diverged in a wood and I,
I took the road less traveled by.
And that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost
Thanks to Earl, "The Rain Gazer", Alec, Tim and Terry for being the best of friends and thanks to The Man for setting a dumb Rat straight.
DYKES: 1975 John F. Amatetti
1981 Roy Serice

Andrew Campbell Marshall
"Andy", "A.C.", "Ugly Andy", "Mad Hunter", "Chay Andy"
Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering Air Force
Football 4; Rifle Team 4,3,2; A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; Ski Club 2,1; Unauthorized Vehicle 3,2; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Second Stoop Pub Club 2; VMI Corvette Club (unorg) 3,2,1; Barracks Bomber 2; Early Morning Hunt Club 2,1; Firefighters 1; M.&C. Enterprises; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; MBC Commuters Club 2,1; Hop Weekend Cookout Club 3,2,1; Barracks Dip Club 4,3,2,1; FTX 4.
I really didn't get to know Andy until his third class year. However once we got together things started to roll. Andy always put forth his best effort in everything he undertook. Always sure of his actions and what direction to pursue next. He has been able to pull through his four years at VMI fairly well. The years here have also had its lighter points. Remember, 1-thumbing from Lexington to Washington to get your car, even though you weren't supposed to have it, 2-Hop Weekend picnics, man, Andy sure did a good job of organizing them, 3-And yes, recueing you from the peaks of otter when your car broke down, 4- And lest we not forget the most famous caper, M&C Enterprises. We certainly made a name for ourslves then. I'll always be indebted to Andy for getting me out hunting. That's one experience which I would not have pursued on my own. Four years here have gone quickly and soon we'll each go seperate ways. Good Luck to you, Andy, in future endeavors. DAC
DYKES: 1975 Vic Arthur
1981 John Aulbach II





Elpidio Manoso III

Jonathan Allan Manson

Andrew Campbell Marshall





Michael Thomas McCarthy
"Mac", "McCie", "Mackie", "Mike", "Hoagy, "D A Irishman"
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
English- Army (Field Artillery)
Private 4,3,2,1, Corporal (for a while); Rugby 4,3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4,3,1; Battery Commander 1; English Society 4,3,2,1; Treasurer 1; Timmons Society 4,3,2,1; CADET Staff 3,2,1; BOMB Staff 4, Little John II 2,1; Newman Society 4,3; L.A Beach 4,3,2,1, OGA 1, Mac's Bar & Grill (Proprietor); A U.S.A 2,1
When the kid bounced into Jackson Arch, his only thought was, "My God, what have I gotten into now" But once he got here, he fought to stay, despite a few trips now and then from the Modern Language Department Despite his demerit record, Mac was never one to pass up a little fun, even if it did risk a chance to join the #1 club. For some reason he always seemed to get past the OC's and Tac's without a scratch. A Leprechaun tried to explain that "God looks out for Drunks and Irishman.
DYKES: 1975 John Amitetti, Phil Marshall, Dave Jensen
1978 Grover Outland, Rick McCue, Rick Ramos



William Brandon McCampell Jr.
"Mac", "Bill", "Spock"
Reston, Virginia
History, Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,2,1, Cpl. 3; Firefighters 3; Rugby 3,2,1, Military Society 4; A U.S.A 2,1; Guide on Bearer 1; Airborne; Gilliam Sleep Lab; S.N A T.D.C. 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew Hockey Club 1; Innaugural Parade 2, Hariah Corp 2; O.G.A 1
Mac came to V.M.I as a rat, then he matriculated. A lot of us didn't think he would make it, especially with his funny looking "Spock" ear Through the years Mac has grown a but outspoken, and has learned to handle the women (sometimes with a vicious undictivness). Always running the block with Pileggi and McCourt, Mac learned the ropes early Just like a true Scot Mac is set in his ways, but he has no reason to change It will be a shame when the SNATDC is broken up
DYKES. 1975 Bill Glasgow
1981 John Ditillo
Ed Lawless



Wallace Bruce Mason
"Mace"
Franklin, Virginia
Economics- Army (Armor)
Rugby 4, Ghetto 1; Bad Attitude Club 4,3,2,1; Professional Privates Union 4,3,2,1; Peanut Club 4,3,2,1; OGA 1
He came to the Institute an unknowing rat attempting to fullfil certain dreams of certain good folks in Franklin. The rat line was tough, but not as tough as "Old Mil" and Mustangs Then it happened unexpected to all especially to him. "Old Mil" and Mustangs met S.P.W with R.S one dark night at MBC, what followed is history. Henderson and 151 led to a cold night for R.S, and C.B., but a warm night for W.B.,S.P.,M.T.,and J.O.B W.B.'s and S.P.'s warmth was to last much longer than any of the others. Warm enough in fact to ward off the cold of Staunton parks, and lost weekends in Goshen Pass While others swayed they stood strong. Most important however, was the imprint he left on others, especially one who is prowd to call him roomate,and more important,friend.
DYKES: 1975 Glen Garland
1981 Danny Dorsey





Wallace Bruce Mason

William Brandon McCampbell Jr.

Michael Thomas McCarthy



Harry Watson McClellan
"Wild Harr", "Bug", "Bugger", "Moon-Pie", "Mac", "Dirty Harry".
Fairfax, Virginia
C.E. - Army(Engineer)
Deans List 4; Academically Distinguished 3,2; D.M.S. 1, Who's Who 1; International Relations Club 3,2,1; Vice President 1; Ski Club 2,1, Treasurer 1; Airborne 2; Symposium Committee 2; Cadet Battery 3; Timmins Music Society 3; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; The "X" Room 1; Recondo 1; Society of American Military Engineers 2; A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1; Rat 4, Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Class Grub Pvt. 1.
Like all people, Harry is unique; he has certain characteristics that set him apart from all others. He can be described as genuine, open-minded, willing to express his opinion, clear thinking, enthusiastic and very energetic. He is a pleasure to be around, fun to be with and, generally, just a hell of a good guy. Harry along with some other close friends, have V.M.I. much more tolerable for me than it would have been otherwise. Harry, although you don't need it, I wish you all the luck in the world during post - V.M.I. recovery. Thanks Mom and Dad, and everyone else who helped me get through the ordeal of the last four years.
DYKES: 1974 Charley Banning
1981 Richie Russell



Harry Watson McClellan

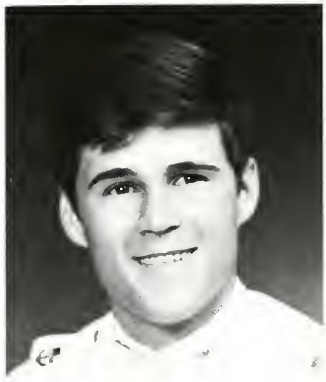


Mark James McCombs
"Ugly", "Ug", "Mantis"
Lambertville, New Jersey
Civil Engineering Army(Engineers)
Football 4, Volleyball; Skyking Club; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Pervert Court, Sallyport; 360 Space Rats; Super Summer '77; Grub Club; Zoo Keeper, Pennsylvania Passion; Keydet Convoy; S.O.M.F.
Jim's cadetship can be summed up in one word, disilussionment. Confronted with an internal confusion tougher than the regimentation VMI imposed, he took a year off to do some serious soul searching. Believing in a philosophy that you should try everything twice, he came back to the "Big I". Only this time he knew he had callings for another type of life. In the short while I have known him I found his friendship and free spirit one of the plusses in this land of many minuses. Leaving VMI with his confusion settled he is heading towards his long awaited destination, to enjoy the freedom of being who he wants to be. Jim will always be the kind to go for it.
I know you don't think much of me
But someday you'll understand
Wait'll you learn how to talk, baby
I'll show you how smart I am
Good-bye
DYKES: 1975 Coleman Feller
Harry Broaddus
1981 John S. McKeegan (Ugly II)
Marc (The Head) Deschambault



Mark James McCombs





Richard Alan McDonald
"Gym Dyke", "Petersburg"
Petersburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Rugby 3,2; Deans List; ASCE Seminar Chairman; Hinton Scholarship Recipient; Who's Who In American Hayracks 4,3,2,1
What can you say about a guy who disagrees with you about the rank system, corps policy, politics, and music and yet you room with him for 3 years? A guy who decides to revise the Bluebook by attending rifle drill on the stoop in gym dyke? A guy who spends most of his free time in the rack and yet keeps Dean's List status and is ASCE Seminar Chairman. Well, that's McDonald; a hard worker and good friend who kept his sense of humor intact during his internment at the "Mother Institute". Good luck, Rick, and don't let the zoomies shoot you down.
DYKES: 1975 Dan Brooks
1981 Rick Wagner, Russell Stephens

Richard Alan McDonald



David Thorner McEwen
"Dawg", "Little P"
Matoaca, Virginia
Civil Engineering Army Corps of Engineers
Football 4; Baseball 4; Rugby 3,2,1; Club 250; The Hoodlums; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; 138 Sky Kings; Horseshoe Club; Tucker St. Terrors; Mary Lane Gang; Plantation Boys; Grubb Club; 400 Club; Pervert Court; Ghetto Gang; S.O.M.F. Federation; Keydet Konvoy; Twin Falls Midnighters.
Upon entering the "Big I", as the All-American boy, I was there to prove to myself that I could defeat any hardship. That's when my dykes taught me to drink. As if that wasn't enough, somehow I ended up rooming with Jerry, Bruce and Martin. So much for the image. Bring on those numerous parties, demerits and dismal grades. Upon our return, minus Martin, (add Luis) we had to prepare for Ring Figure by building up a resistance to all those fondly loved vices. Not knowing how to stop while ahead, it was soon time for me to again say good-bye. Since this year began I have said good-bye to Big Daddy and Ugly. Still I find the strength to get by with the help of Bullwinkle and Cuddles. So roll another number by number my friend and let no one say I didn't make the best of my time here. Thanks Mom.
DYKES: 1975 Larry (Lew Walrus) Groome
1981 Serpico, Sirrico, Tom HoeMowe, Barbados Barbero



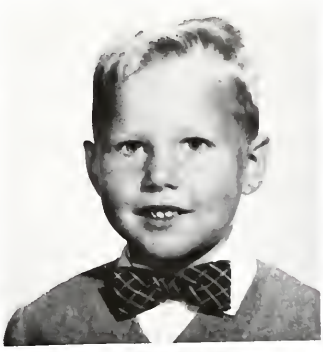
David Thorner McEwen





Donald Blair McGinnis, Jr.
"McGoon", "McGin", "George", "Maggot", "Fugly", "Mayor", "Faggot", "Retarded"
West Pittston, Pennsylvania
Modern Languages - German Marine Corps
Rugby 4,3; College Republicans 4,3,2-2nd Vice Chairman; 1-1st Vice Chairman; Timmins Musical Society 4,3,2-Secretary/Treasurer, 1-President; VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1, President; S-S staff 4,3,2; Marine Detachment 2,1; Jackson Battery 3,2,1; Newman Club 3; Firefighters 3; Dean's List 2; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1.
I didn't know Don until 2nd semester 2nd class year, but I had heard about him and Betsy. George has been known to get a little routy; like during exams he left the O.C. a coy little note, "Hi there big fellow." The O.C. sent him one, a special. Don was a gung-ho Marine from the start. He constantly tried to improve his studliness and he would tell you about it. Don worked HARD to impress our new roommate, F.T.P., I knew from the start that their relationship would go far. Beyond all that Don was active in a number of clubs and president of a few. Don excelled while he was here and his acheivements show it. Good Luck, George.
DYKES: 1975 Michael J. Monahan
1981 Kurt S. Owen-Mohle
Stephen G. Seitz

Donald Blair McGinnis, Jr.





Timothy Arthur Jennings McGreer
"Max the Pious", "Max Penalty", "MaGee", "Socrates", "Dad", "MaGoon" "MaGrunt"
Fairfax, Virginia
Biology Air Force (Missles)
Wrestling 4; VMI Riding Team 4; Ring Figure Entertainment Committee 2; Glider Club 3; FCA 2,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Pvt. 4,1; XO Rat Co. 1.
From a veritable "stick of dynomite" his first year, to the more reserved counselor we all know and love- he was concerned. Yes, McSocrates has been an asset to both 146 and the Corps. We all had to understand that his habits were just the way he did things. Although his fuse was dampened somewhat by a parking violation his first year it was rekindled by a girl from the Seminary in B.V. Carol's barage of status slips and public outcry of affection helped young Tim through his days of imprisonment. Reluctantly he returned to the Ghetto and soon became known as "Tim the Pious", who slept on a concrete hay. He was also noted for avoiding the Commandant with his golf bag. Seriously, one could learn alot from Tim (got an hour?), only we won't realize it until much later in life. Enjoy your free medical and dental.
DYKES: 1975 Ollie Way
1981 Ken (Schenectady) Morris

Thimothy Arthur J. McGreer



Mark Clifton McKissick
"Bubble Butt"
Farmville, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineer)
Football 4,3,2, A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; S.A.M.E. 2,1; Number 2 Club 3, Buck's Friendly Club 4,3,2; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; New Barracks Hockey 1, O.G.A. 1.
With a smile on his face and an encyclopedia of wisecracks this lil' ol country boy came to the "I" in a quest for a C.E. degree. Dodging the pitfalls of rooming with the B.V. Bluebird and a future Starship captain, dyking for the Reg. S-4, elephant jokes, and feeling the trade winds cool his brow, he survived his Rat year. Third Class year saw him pick up Corporal stripes and alot of confinement. (Thanks a bunch Leeann!) Mark also now had Tom Thumb to pick on. Second Class year brought him his class ring and a terrific time at Ring Figure. First Class year will be remembered for his attempt to bone the Corps during Openings, sitting at the R.D.C. table (where he welcomed many Rats with his friendly voice), and for his momentus "Ride Through Manhattan." In spite of your wisecracks Mark, we're gonna miss you. Godd luck in the future.
"Hey! Do you believe in Gay Rights?"
DYKES: 1975 Dave Applin
1981 Len Shelton





Terence Edward McKnight
"T.E.", "Terry"
Norfolk, Virginia
History, Navy
Private 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Football 4; Cadet Staff 3,2,1; Distribution manager 1, Ghetto, beaver Club; E.J. Knight #1 Scrapper Club; Lived with J.J. Marshall.
The only way I can Explain my V.M.I. experience is in the words of Robert E. Lee;
As a general principle he told a young professor, "you should not force young men to do their duty, but let them do it voluntarily and thereby develop their characters. The great mistake of my life was taking a military education." The code of the college, as Lee developed it, was positive though imprinted. The regulations though few, were always enforced. "Make no needless rules, he admonished the faculty. And again, we must never make a rule we cannot enforce."
I would also like to thank my friends and my parents.
DYKES: 1975 Daniel Dellosso
1981 James Flaherty- Edward Brown
1979 Mac Curtis







David Adam Mecredy
"Speedy", "Creedy"
Mequon, Wisconsin
Physics-Army Artillery
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Cadet Staff 3,4; Cadet Waiters 3,4; Society of Physics Students; Physics Honor Society; 64th ranking Cpl.; Pvt. 2,3,4,; Deans List, OGA-1.
We knew what we were getting into when we came to VMI. We had heard all the tales from our families. We became friends our Rat Year and have roomed together for the last three years. We have shared many good times together from which our tales have already started to grow.
Dave is always willing to express his opinion and to give anyone a helping hand. He has been on the Road to success while here at VMI and I am sure he will stay there after leaving VMI. He is a true friend.
DYKES: 1975 Eddie Spain
1981 George Gibbs.

Mark Clifton McKissick

Terence Edward McKnight

David Adam Mecredy



Mark F. Miller
"Squat" "Oak Tree" "That little tw!??" "Mills"
Fairfax, Virginia
C.E. - Air Force
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Reg. Color Sgt. 2; Third Class Bomb Squad; Treasurer, Third Class Finance Committee; Bicentenial Color Guard 3; Ass. Activities Editor 1; Bowling Room #.
Entering VMI with a determination to succeed Mark has accomplished his objective. While walking the well worn path, Miller has also trod upon the grass. He came to the Institute with his beliefs and leaves the Institute with these beliefs reinforced, Although taking the C.E. major very seriously all has not been work! What with roommates like, Wide Load Brumstein, Genitills, Roserstein Muhule, and Single Lab, Mark's life at the "I" has been fullfilling, and 8 Days Inn Life miserable. With this paragraph the book must close. So, Muhule keep an eye on Beef get the point ? Later Pam.
Dykes: 1975 Robert Mills
1981 (Beef) Bill Gavazzi SODA

Ronald Kight Milligan
"Kite"
Richmond, Virginia
History- Army (Armor)
Varsity Baseball ; RDC Sec. 1; Rat Battalion S-4 1; One of the Boys 1; Ghetto Crew ; Pervert Court 1; Member of Estelle's Social Club ; Richmond Club ; Lejuene Hall Assitant 1; OGA 1.
Once upon a time there was a Freemanite named Ron. In August, 1974 a transformation occured and he became the "Kite" Being a Freemanite some influences still held way but as time went on Kite lost his old contacts and became more attached to the "I" in the sky. Throughout the years Kite has always been looked for at a party. If its not the Lineback shuffle its the Leprechaun. You can't have one without him. Whether it's the beach, the apartment, College Park, Zollomon's or the P.I., Kite will be there. Today Kite is a major stockholder in C&P, rack unlimited, and Pepsi-Cola, but we remember Kite more for the laughs he has given us, the helping hand, and his personality-Kite, here's to ya, but the question around the league is, can you still boogie?
Thanks Mom and Dad for the understanding, love, and support you've given thru the years It's really helped!!
DYKES: 1975 Frank "The Cool" Cole
1981 Sam "Wine" Woolwine
Bryon "Stick" Mitchell







Richard Pope Meredith
"Rich", "Wretchet", "WhiteBoy", "Richit", "Hound"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering Army (Engineer)
Wrestling 4; A.S.C.E. 3,2,1; Hop&Floor 4,3,2,1; Lodge 4,3,2,1; Lodge President 1; Private 4,3, 2,1; Hound 1.
Richard came to VMI because his father and brother didn't like Tech. He made the best of it when he inherited the lodge from his brother (this meant many a party with the local girls schools). Rich was famous for permits Rat year. Later he realized his potential as a young hound and invested time in Mary Baldwin and then Radford. In his last year, private all the way and varsity napper, Richard found the good life when he discovered the advantages of "holy wood". Richard will always be proud of and stand up for the honor and academics at VMI. He looks forward to working with his dad and brother after graduation, living at the beach and racing his boats.
DYKES: 1975 Paul Blair
1981 Scot Rittenhouse





Richard Pope Meredith

Mark F. Miller

Ronald Kight Milligan



Dave Lamar Montgomery
"Mongo", "Monty Hall"
Baltimore, Maryland
Civil Engineering Army (Corps of Engineers)
Basketball 4,3,2,1; Pro 2,1; Monogram Club 4, 3,2,1; Prom 202, Pomaji 2,1; All most-All Pro 2, 1, Over the Hump Gang 4,3,2,1.
August 21, 1974 is a date I will never forget. It was the beginning of a new life, demerits and confinement. My only claim to fame is never being caught running the block on the numerous occassions I did it. I had good times as well as bad. I shall cherish the good times as well as the many friends I made. I learned more about life than I imagined possible. With gods guidance and my famlies backing I made it. I want to take this time to thank my father for all the years of support, without it I never would have made it this far in life. Thankyou Dad. Fella's "What can I say?", you taught me the meaning of true friendship. Take care of yourselves. May God bless all of you
DYKES: 1975 Reggie Webb
1981 Dennis (Doc) Johnson
Marty (Count) Cristo



Dave Lamar Montgomery





Anthony Ulysses Moore
"Amo", "Super A.U.".
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry - Air Force
Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Cross Country Co-Captain 2,1; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Vice President Monogram Club 1; O.G.A. 1.
Anthony came to the Institute ready for the challenge. With girls on his mind, track in his heart, and academics stuck in there somewhere, he started out his first year in an enthusiastic manner. He made friends easily and seemed to enjoy his year in the Ratline. Sometimes cutting corners got him introduced to people that he didn't want to know (such as the Regimental Commander, and the Linebacks) but this didn't deteriorate his good manner. In his later years he became known as a partier frequently being seen at Mary Lane, Estells', the Lodge, and any girls college in range. Sometimes known as "Amo", or "Stick" and various other names ("A.U., A.O., Porn King) he had many friends, who enjoyed his company and advice. He even studied on some rare occasions and spent many hours in the Chemistry Lab. He and the other members of "D Mob" contributed to many good times for the Class of '78.
DYKES: 1975 Jim Turpin
1981 Bernard Long
Gary Wom
Mac Williams

Anthony Ulysses Moore



Ivan Allen Moore, Jr.
"Al", "Asteriod", "Quasar"
Hopewell, Virginia
Economics Air Force
Cpl. 3, Master Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; Commanders 3,2,1; 327A-3; Pep Band 4,3, Director 1; S-5 Staff 4-1; "Campus" Chairman of the **Virginians for the Bond** Campaign 1; Airborne 1; Cadet Ass. for Economics Dept.
As Al walked through those dreary gates of Jackson Arch in August, 1974, who would have ever imagined what great achievements he was destined for: academically distinguished, Battalion staff to name but a few. Al contributed to many memorable times at the "Big I", especially during our third class year when we had the pleasure of rooming and surviving (How? I will never know) the culprits of 327-B alias the "Sponge" and "Wadd". It takes a special kind of person to survive an ordeal such as that and Al certainly stood up to the test. During our four years at VMI, Al has made many long lasting friendships thanks to his great sense of humor and thoughtful personality. Al, it's been a great four years. All the luck to you and Susan in the years to come.
DYKES: 1975 Bill Witherow
1981 Richard Bartholomew
Lamont Beckner



Ivan Allen Moore, Jr.

Michael Alderman Moore
"Mike", "New Market"
New Market, Virginia
Civil Engineering Navy (Sky King)
A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3,5, Pvt. 4,2,1; Dean's List 2; Rugby Club 2,1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Ghetto 2,1; "21" in a Row Club; Room 138 Sky Kings; Mardi Gras Survivor 3,2; Host of Barracks Rugby Party; Fauber's Fry Victim.
Needless to say it's been a hell of a year! I want to thank all the people who helped, they know who they are. For my roommate, Bob Jenvey, I wish the greatest success possible. The time to fly is near

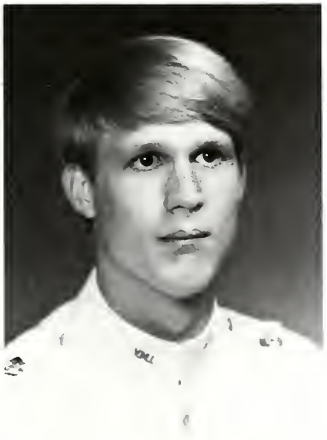
there must be some kind of way out of here
said the joker to the thief
there's too much confusion
i can't get no relief
businessmen they drink my wine
come and dig my herb
none will level on the line
nobody of any worth

no reason to get excited
the thief he kindly spoke
there are many here among us
who feel that life is but a joke
but you and i we've been through that
and this is not our fate
so let us stop talking falsely now
the hour's getting late

along the watchtower
bob dylan

DYKES: 1975 Jim Davis
1981 Mark Kanter





Michael Alderman Moore



Joseph Anthony Morelli III
"Mojo", Joe
San Diego, California
Chemistry-Navy
NROTC Scholorship 4,3,2,1; American Chemical Society 2,1; College Republicans 2,1; Premed Society 4,3; Astronomy Club 2,1; Frustrated Corporal 3; OGA 1.
Thrown in with Joe as rats, myself and the class of '78's VMI experience was so much the richer for it. One of the most sincere, down to earth, open, congenial, and unselfish people I've ever known. He had his own hard and lonely times here at the "Big I" but was always there to lend an ear of smypathy to a brother rat. Personable, easy going, a keen sense of compassion for all. Always joking, laughing his smiling face brought a warmth to the heart. And it was is his 2nd class year that Kathie entered his life-what a change. Joe, a man of advice, sympathy and good cheer for fellow Keydets, finally had someone of his own to rest his head on and be at peace. He was to me like a brother, and to me he will always remain a lifelong and beloved friend.
DYKES: 1975 Jim Schmidt
1981 Pete McClintock



Joseph Anthony Morelli III

Timothy James Moriarty, Jr.
"Mortality", "Morality", "Professor", "@*!!?&#$", "Tim"
New York, New York
History-Marines
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt 1; Militaria Society 4,3; V.P. 2, Pres. 1; IRC 3; Third Class Show; Timmins Society 2; Ring Figure '78 Mock Ring Construction Crew; S-3 Marine Detachment 1; Ocelot 4; RFC 4,3; Delta Company Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Keeper of the Ape 2,1; Gy. Sgt. Hockaday's New Market 'Diehards' 3.
At times, I have not much loved this world, nor this world me. I have not flattered its rank breath, nor bowed to its idolatries a patient knee; Nor coined my cheek to unneeded smiles-nor cried aloud in worship of an echo; In the crowd they could not deem me one of such; I stood among them but not of them. In a shroud of thoughts which were not their thoughts, . . .
But let us part fair foes; for here I have also seen that there are words which are things, hopes which will not deceive, virtues which are merciful and do not weave snares for the failing; . . .
That some are what they seem (And they have made all the difference-here words cannot help but fail, only the heart knows).
That goodness is no mere name, and happiness no mere dream. FIDO, GUYS!

after George Gordon, Lord Byron

DYKES: 1975 John Williamson
1981 Dan Pere

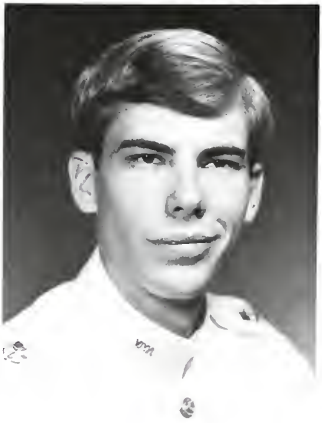




Timothy James Moriarty, Jr.



Bruce Carl Morris
"B.C.", "Moose", Various Unprintables
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Economics Army (Armor)
Track 3,2,1; Pre-Med Society 2,1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2,1; Firefighters 2,1; Ad Hoc Committee 2,1; International Relations Club 1; Publications Board 1; Drug Council 1; Grotto Club 1; Economics Society 1; Pervert Court 1; V.C. 1; Court Jester No Slack 139, Cadre 2; Rat Training Cadre 1; Cpl, Sgt.; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished (Ac Stars); Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.
The fact that Bruce was "adopted" into our class after spending a hard freshman year at Richmond has not detracted at all from his accomplishments at VMI or the esteem in which his classmates and friends hold him. Bruce is a unique and extraordinarily talented person. His interests are varied and many, and he excells in all he does. His wit is always sharp as a razor; his insights always valuable and enlightening. Billy, Quincy and I really enjoyed this last year with you and we're sure going out with a bang. Keep your powder dry, make sure you always have two spare and unfrayed ropes. The best of everything B.C., may your skies always be blue. JJL
Thanks to Mom and Dad, the best of friends in the world, and a very special lady.
"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
DYKES: 1976 Carmen Villani
1981 Scot Marsh



William Laurence Morris
"Bill", "Wild Bill", "Billdoe", "Uncle Bill"
Weehawken, New Jersey
History-Air Force
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Varsity Soccer 4; International Relations Club 4,3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; NY-NJ Club 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2; RFYL 4, 3,1; Intramural Soccer 2; Viking 4,3,2,1; Gold Coast 3,2,1; Chow Hound 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 2; Midnight Visiter and BSer 4,3,2,1;
Four years ago I was stashed in 481 with a balding ex-soccer star (he still has some hair). He soon stole his way into my heart as the truest friend I've ever had. Four years and two summer sessions later sees us still together and closer than ever. During those first three years Billdoe was kept busy chasing girls, drinking anything that resembled liquid and keeping me from drowning in the water closet (he holds his liquor better than me). Wild Willy also kept "Bobdo" and I in school by sleeping when we were studying and being a comedian par-excellance when we weren't. It's been real Bill! I'm gonna miss dyking you out at first round, trying to win an argument and throwing shoes, books and pillows at you for snoring in the middle of the night Good luck Bill!
Cas '78
DYKES: 1975 Bob Holby
1981 John Malanga









Andrew Hamilton Morrison
Saddle River, New Jersey
English - Army (Infantry)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; English Speaking Union 4,1; Ranger Plt. 2; Fencing 3; R.F.Y.L. 4,1; 109-169 Gun Runners 2,1; Viking 4,3,2,1; Fezants 2,1; Lt. Philbin Fan Club 2,1; Vlad Tepesch Fan Club 4,3,2,1; 302 Jefferson Revelers; Summer School 4,3,2,1
Andrew Hamilton Morrison, a distinguished name for a distinguished flyer. Earned his wings on the Blue Ridge Parkway. His merry minstrels still bellow his praises — " Oh fearless flaccid!" He's one intelligent, twisted, seething, ranting, conspiring, maniacle, degenerate - in short, an indispensable friend. My years at the Institute would have been unbearable without the wry, quiet, flippant humor that has characterized Andy throughout his cadetship. We existed, exist and will continue to exist as one unified, unbreakable, body of erazed, demented goofs - and we wouldn't have it any other way. He, and we, may be destined for the gutter, but rest assured, the flight will be a fun one.
DYKES: 1975 Harry Broaddus
1981

Bruce Carl Morris

William Laurence Morris

Andrew Hamilton Morrison



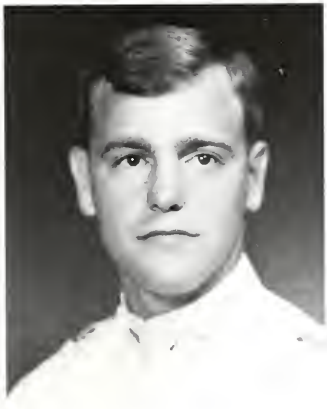


Steven John Thomas Murray
"Chump"
CE-Army (Engineers)
Golf 4,3,2,1; Co-Captain 2,1; OGA 1.
Steve drove in from the Eastern Shore links late in the summer of '74, took a look around at VMI and set his precedence right away. Since then its been a toss up beteen his C.E. degree and golf. With potential for a career in either direction, the Chump maintained a respectable average in both. Local women have attempted to clip his bachelor's wings, but Steve hung on and continues to "snap his fingers" in girls schools throughout the state. If one ever pins him down she'll have to be content with a guy who giggles when he drinks, collects Skoal cans and spends most of his time on the golf course. But he's a good man and a loyal friend , if you want to hit the course or hit the "Frats" he's the man to see.
DYKES: 1975 Tom Sutter
1981 Ralph Northam

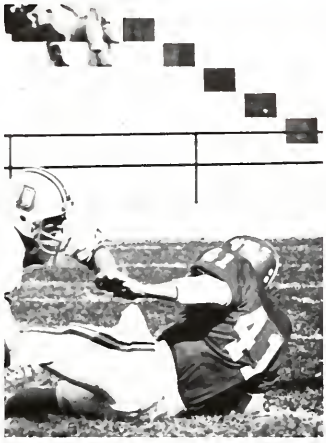
Steven John Thomas Murray

Robert Howington Nelson
"Brasso Bob", and Various Unmentionables
Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Biology Army (Infantry)
Varsity Swimming Team 4,1; Ranger Platoon 3,2,1; AUSA 2, Pres. 1; Rat Training 3,1; Cadre Cpl. 3; B Rat Co. XO; Blue Ridge Motorized Assault Force.
Having a vast knowledge of the military ways already tucked under his belt, Bob entered these gray walls of VMI with determination and soft-spoken enthusiasm paralleled only by few, and with one goal in mind — an RA commission and a career in the military. If Brasso lacked the ability (namely academics) he always made up for it with intestinal fortitude, perseverance, and a pertinacious will to succeed. His efforts paid off 2nd class year with being selected to attend Ranger and Airborne School all at one go. However, an accident while Rangering caused the loss of sight in one eye and resulted in "Surgery Summer '77" instead. Robert Brasso, may your determination and standards remain high, and may you continue to exalt your beliefs in what is right. Believe in yourself and others will continue to hold you in high esteem and praise. JSA
DYKES: 1975 Larry S. Lineback
1981 Carl Wir
Randall B. Cheek





Robert Howington Nelson



Stephen Michael Oddi
"OX", "Smokin Smo", "O-De-Juan-Kinobe", "Stever"
Richmond, Va.
C.E.-Army (Engineers)
Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Lineback Shuffle; Estelle's Social Club; Ghetto; Ghettogethers.
Steve started his VMI career off on the wrong foot by getting in with the E company deadbeats, an a $200. phone bill. His next year wasn't much better living with Party and the boys. Room 226, 126 came to know Smo when we picked him up off the stoop our Junior year. He entertained us at Roanoke with the 324 Lineback shuffle, and then passed out in the back of the iron horse all the way to Florida with Ziggy, Grumps and the Big 'P". Senior year he became a football star and a proprietor of Estelle's Dance and Social Club. Between all of these activities he found time to shoot pool and study enough to graduate. Do it Ox! from old 126 and the boys. Thanks to all the roomies the ghettocrew, and especially Mom, for all the help along the way.
Dykes: 1975 Garland Isaucs
1981 Kieth "Weis" Wells



Stephen Michael Oddi

Michael Howard Oelrich
"Mike", "Idiot Child", "Arrayan", "Fat Boy"
Manassas, Virginia
History- Air Force
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Track Team 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club; Cadet Assistant 2; Arnold Air Society 4; F.I.P. 2,1; Pizza Chef 2; Defense Attorney of "Koo-Koo" Court 1; Gold Coast 4,3,2, 1; President of the "Long-Haired" Rankers Association 1;
A history should be easy to compile for it is no more than a collection of chronological events ideally sheilded from subjective conjecture. Unfortunately a personal "history" does not follow these guidelines, and to me it is very hard to construct. This "history" becomes even more arduous when it deals with a person, a man, a roommate, and a Brother Rat. Mike is all of these things. Having roomed with him for three years I have experienced and shared his many emotions. I too have shared in his adventures: dark summer nights creeping down "Hospital Hill" back to back, block running 30 degree nights on the motorcycle, Baldwin raids, Zollmans, 3,2, and 115 grain parties, and unair-contitioned rooms. It would be unfair to the readers of this account, however, to lead them to believe Mike has always been a joy to live with, for it is not so. But in the long run this has been the exception rather than the rule. Good luck Bro, and kick ass, your going to be something.
Dykes : 1975 Russell Jackson
1981 Robert Cliff





Michael Howard Oelrich



Robert Scott Parker
"Parks", "Chops", "Permit"
Chester, Virginia
Civil Engineering Army (Engineers)
Water Polo 4,3,2,1; Swimming 4,3,2,1; A.S.C.E.; Mary Baldwin; #1 Club; Writing Permits; One of the Boys; Richmond Club.
A military brat, Robert came thru the arch four years ago unaware of the situation he had gotten himself into. After a semester of outstanding academics, Parks finally settled down and became adjusted to the life of a VMI cadet. Between swimming, confinement, Mary Baldwin, Estells, Zollamans, writing permits, girl problems and occasional studying, Parks managed to have a pretty good time here at the "I". Like most other CE's, Robert had his fair share of troubles with the Engineering Dept. and spent some of his summer time up at Tucker Street with the rest of the boys. Parks will always be remembered for all the stinky times we had together and the $250 he earned for a couple of Miller cans. A great friend who is always there when you need him. Good Luck Robert. Specials thanks to Ma Parks for all the good carrot cake. Thanks Mom and Dad.
DYKES: 1975 Greg Stultz
1981 Charles Hoffert (Shako)



Robert Scott Parker

William Joseph Pearson
Portsmouth, Virginia
EE- Navy (Air)
Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Captain 1; Track 3; Rugby 2,1; Deans List 4; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
If misery loves company, company is loved nowhere more than at VMI. The time I've spent here has made the times away from here seem like fantasies, and the friendships deeper and stronger than could be possible anywhere else. The biggest thing I can thank VMI for is introducing me to my one true interest Anne-Marie. Friends, are the best thing you get from VMI. Dennis and Betty , Mark, and Tim are some of my best and one I'll never forget Dan.
DYKES: 1975 Dennis Lewin
1981 Dave Barber





William Joseph Pearson





Anthony Pileggi
"Tony", "Baretta", "WOP", "Evil-Eye #3"
Frederick, Maryland
History Air Force
Wrestling 4,3; Zoo Crew Hockey Club 1, VMI Corvette Club; Sport Parachute Club 3,2, Pres. 1; Number One Club (2 time loser, I think that makes me **president**); SNATDC (Saturday Night After taps **Drinking** Club); Boxing Intramural 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Pvt 4,3,2, Sgt 2, Lt. 1.
Tony, like most rats, had a hard time taking the "I" seriously his first two weeks. He soon realized the seriousness of his situation when, at the end of those first two weeks, he received his first number one. Tony quickly learned how to run the block and practiced the rest of his rat year. Things were going great until his second semester, third class year, when he received his second number one (He still blames his permanent roommate). Two number ones was rather demoralizing, so Tony concentrated his powers on his favorite pastime — collecting women. It was all he could do after he made sergeant and then lieutenant — much to his own surprise. Tony is an asset to the class and he will go far in whatever he does. He is not a quitter.
DYKES: 1975 Tom "Da-Shit" Dashield
1981 Charles L. Chipley, III



Bryan Frank Peterson
"Goon", "The Nose", "Pedahead"
Phoenix, Arizona
Spanish-Infantry
Cpl, Sgt, Cpt; The One and Only F. Co.; AUSA, Cross Country 4; Track Mgr 3,2; Monogram Club 3,2; National Hell Raisers Association 1; Where shall I room next 3,2,1
Here's to the boys that made this experience what it was: Chip, you gotta control the head; Jeff, I wanna kill; Stan, Aw'come on Stinkweed; Tom, Tracy, She's a nice girl; Terry; Heres to one more day shot to hell; Tim, a wookie of moderate distinction; Steve, the porn king; Gary, one spring break-2 of the 8 days and nights we were; Dave, but where's Candy? The boys of 120 just why, tell me- that the most god awful, Nelson County what? Now Pedahead. Glen-air what? and to the rest of you turkey's who made it what it was, here's a special thanks to two of the best, may you both live long and happy and prosperous lives. My main men Charlie and Pete, Dr. Maj. Monsour and Mike, what's next Gents, and to my family - Air what! Ranger who.
DYKES: 1975 Perry the shlons Stump
1981 James (Jim) Migliarese



James R. Pengson
"Peng-Rat"
Arlington, Virginia
EE-Navy
Wrestling 4,3,2; R.F.Y.L. 3,1; EEE 1; Frustrated Keydet; OGA 1
For the past four years, Jim and I have shared with each other our VMI experiences. He's one of the few people that I could talk to without having to worry about what was said – that's how tight our friendship is. Jim is a keydet that conveys an air of happiness and true friendship no matter where he goes or what he does. He always has a sympathetic ear tuned into others problems and is more than willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. But Peng-Rat has had his rough times here too, as does everyone. Academics have been a nagging problem for this man but his intelligence far outweighs the reflection of his grades. Jim, thanks for all your support, humor, and friendship these past four years. Good luck in life and all you do.
Dykes: 1975 Nigel Mackenzie-Graham
1981 John Ferry

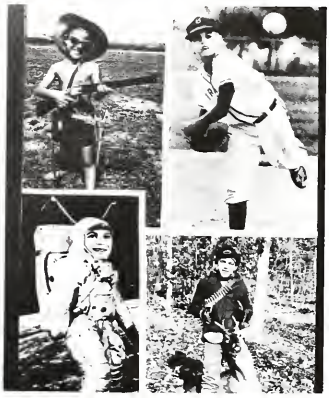


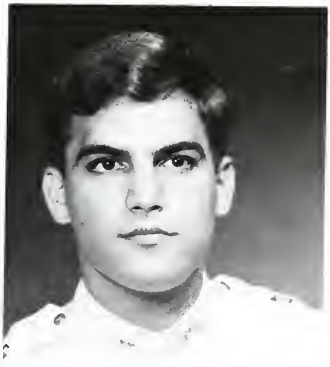


James R. Pengson

Bryan Frank Peterson

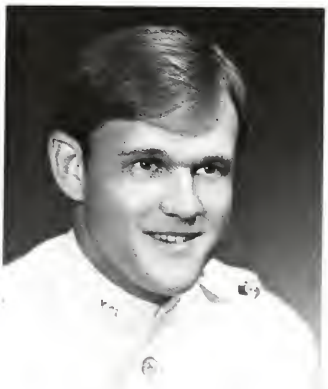
Anthony Pileggi





Timothy Darius Pishdad
"Pish"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology- Army (Armor)
Cpl. 3; Sgt 2, Pvt. 1; DMS, Fire Fighters 3,1; Pre-Med Society 3; Scuba Club 1; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Zoo Crew 4,1; 1 out of 100 Club; OGA 1
Well, I've been a busy keydet these past 4 years never really taking the time to look back and relish my meager accomplishments. Biology was a rough road for me, but my determination to "stick it out" finally paid off. Just being able to put up with the life of a keydet is more than most even attempt. However, I think the credit for my accomplishments while at the "Big I" belong to a girl, "Lois". They said that terrifying first week that there was a 1 in 100 chance of keeping your high school girlfriend the 4 years of the V.M.I. experience; that was a challenge I couldn't refuse. As it turned out Lois was the one person that helped keep my moral and humor to a disastrous high. Lois did for me what no one else could have, to help me through V.M.I. and partially as a result May 20, 1978 will not only be a special day for me , but a memorable day for both of us
DYKES 1975 Luther Charles Daniels, Jr
1981 Ray Moschler

Thimothy Darius Pishdad

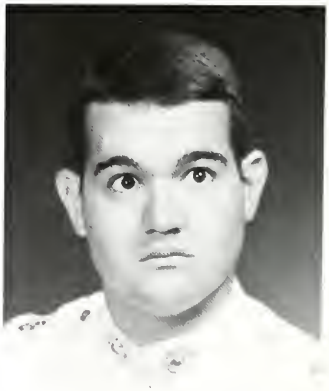




Gerard Sigmund Placzek
"Keeb," "Jerry", "Siggy"
Maspeth, New York
CE - Air Force
Pvt. 4,2/3 3,2,1; Intra Volleyball 4; Basketball 3; Captain Intramural Football 2,1; Party 2,1; 460 Survival Group; Varsity Rack 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4; Mardi Gras Survivor 3; OGA 1
In August of 1974 Gerard Sigmund Placzek from the security of his stool at Walsh's Pub in Queen's into the incredibly bizarre and non-alcoholic atmosphere of the Virginia Military Institute. After recovering from the initial shock at the total absence of Dewaris and female companionship, our hero settled down to the serious matter of his Engineering degree. This foolishness lasted only one semester and Gerry soon returned to his favorite environment; A beer in one hand an elfish leer on his face and a woman in his arms. Unfortunately, the Polack's luck defied the laws of chance and Gerry holds the record for verticle rides in burning aircraft. As my roommate for four years, he's kicked my ass one moment and saved it the next. He's a good man and he's what an alumnus misses most after graduation
DYKES; 1975 Ken Cook
1981 Dean Beard

Gerard Sigmund Placzek

Richard Marvin Powell Jr.
"Big Dick", "Boog", "Slug", "Boogie"
Springfield, Ohio
History-U.S.M.C.
CADET Staff 4,3,2; Library Asst. 1,2; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; B Co. Commander 1; Marine Detatchment 3,2,1; President-Marine Detatchment 1; Society of Young Democrats; I.R.C. 1; Rum Truckers Annonymus; Local #297 Demolition Crew 2; Social Ace 4,3,2,1; Beer Drinker and Hell Raiser; President's Contingent 2; Royal Society of Barracuda 2,1
"There were Northwesterners with straw-colored hair that looked white against their tanned skins, and delicately spoken chaps with the stamp of the Eastern universities on them. There were large-boned fellows from Pacific-coast lumber camps, and tall, lean Southerners who swore amazingly in gentle, drawing voices. There were husky farmers from the corn-belt, and youngsters who had sprung as it were, to arms from the necktie counter. And there were also a number of diverse people who ran curiously to type, with drilled shoulders and bonedeep sunburn, and a tolerant scorn of nearly everything on earth . . ."
Capt. Thompson U.S.M.C., **Fix Bayonets** . .
And so we were; a band of Brothers. Siemper Fi and Thanks
Dick
DYKES: 1975 Greg Seldon
1981 Dean Clarke, Kieth Foresman, Fred Winkler and "Torch" Hargrave





Richard Marvin Powell Jr.





Stephen Michael Powers
"Steve", "Funky", "Poop Deck"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Modern Language - Navy
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2Lt. 1; Handball 3,2,1; CIC Handball 1; Intramural ; New Market Reenactment and Musket Squad 3,2,1; Cadre 2,1;
I would like to dedicate this space to my family. First is my Father for when a kick in the pants was needed, his foot was always there. Second is my mother for all her love, understanding, encouragement, and sense of humor has brightened up many a depressing day. Third is my brother, VMI class of 1975. If it was not for his moral support throughout my rat year I would never have made it. It was to my advantage to have my big brother to protect me from the evils of VMI but it was to his disadvantage to have his baby brother tagging along all the time. Thank you family for keeping faith in me when many times I lost it. May God bless you in everything you do.

All my love,
Steve

DYKES: 1975 C.T. Bryant
1981 Gary Morgan

Wainscott Walker Putney
"Scott", "Putney-Solo"
Winter Park, Florida
Physics - Air Force
Honor Court 2,1; Honor Court Prosecutor 1; Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; Regimental S-1 1; Society of Physics Students 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Reserve Officer Association 2,1; Academically Distinguished 4,3,2.
Scott's four years at VMI have been a constant barrage of successes due to the high standards of excellence and unswerving dedication to principles that characterize his personality. Here is a man with an unparalleled sense of honor, a high degree of intelligence, an above average amount of common sense, and tremendous self discipline. In short, Scott possesses qualities characteristic of a great leader. But Scott has been a true friend and Brother Rat as well. It's been an honor and a privilege to have known you. Forget "Les girls" Scott, someday the right woman will come along so keep your spirits up. Remember Pengrat, Mojo, and The rest of the gang- even if it was hell part of the time at least we had each other. Good Luck in Life.
DYKES: 1975 Randy Robertson
1981 Quy Dang







Thomas Alan Reeder
"T.A.", "Bear"
Cincinatti, Ohio
Physics Marine Corps
Pvt. 4,1, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2; PLC's 3,2,1; Rat Training 2,1; Firefighters 3; Posit Committee 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 4,3; Who's Who in American Colleges; SPS 4,3,2; OGA 1.
After one Saturday night in the Cockpit, it is easy to see how Tom might be elected most likely to start a bar fight. This, as we all know, was to take a drastic change when a certain female from Buena Vista replaced the Marine Corps as his number one love. (Of course a summer of Bulldog camp at Quantico may have had something to do with it also) This changed Tenacious Tom to quite a mellow man. Now he doesn't care about anything but staying off confinement. Tom will always be remembered as a person who could take a joke, and remembered more for the times when he couldn't. In almost all of my funniest moments here at the big "I", I must have to say Tom played a big part in them. Goog Luck Jarhead JER
DYKES: 1975 Tim Parker
1981 Mark Hardy, Mark E. Lambert



Stephen Michael Powers

Wainscott Walker Putney

Thomas Alan Reeder





Thomas James Replogle
"Rep", "Gerby", "Pierre"
Beavercreek, Ohio
History Army (Armor)
Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1.
The path that I have chosen now
Has lead me to a wall
And with each passing day
I feel a little more like something dear was lost
All I am and all that I was ever meant
to be, in harmony
Shining true and smiling back at
All who cross

"Kansas"

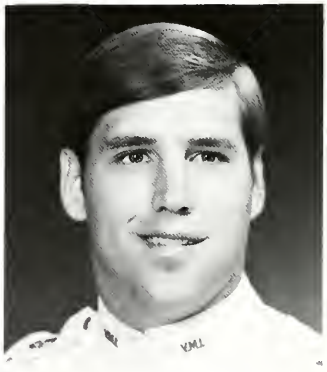
My experiences at the "I" have been varied, but hopefully they have made me a stronger person. The memories of the friendships I have made will last me a lifetime. A special thanks to these people and my roommates Dutch, John, and John. And a very special thanks to my parents for their support and help.
DYKES 1975 Ron Bongiouanni
1981 Mike Callahan



Jeffrey Paul Revercomb
"Rev", "F.T."
Dayton, Virginia
History-Navy
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Px Coffee Club 2,1; The King's Club, San Diego, Summer '77, Karate Club 3.
From out of the Dayton skies comes (ta-da) REV!! When Rev came to VMI in August, 1974 he couldn't have known that he would be rooming with two fellow rednecks like us. Undaunted, Jeff will undoubtably succeed both in and out of the old USN. Hopefully San Diego will remain the same after Rev leaves there. Even though come May '78 and his wonderful surprise packed rack (compliments of Rizzolo) bothers him no more he will still be good ole Rev. See you around, F.T. (you know what that means!)
DYKES: 1975 Joe Rizzolo
1981 Wayne Suggs
Brett "Beast" Biesemeyer



James Martin Reynolds
"Landshark", "J.R."
Dayton, Ohio
Civil Engineering-Air Force
Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Track 3,2; Monogram Club 3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Maximum Potential Club 4,3,2,1; Number One Club 4; Ghetto Crew 1; Moose-City Come-On Blue Crew 1; Dyke School And P.C. Staff 2,1; Pencil-Neck Death Squad 4,3,2,1.
When this shark about town swam into the arch that fateful August day, he brought with him four distinct thoughts. Sue, Party, Football, and Grades, well three out four isn't too bad. After the struggle of the numerous frat parties, wrestling matches with Scratch and Big, Calculus, Calculus, and Calculus. ("Gee Whiz, it shouldn't have been that way") We have finally reduced the bulked up party machine to its current state of controlled mania. But we will always remember J.R. for those redeeming qualities which we have come to know and love, his cheery morning smile and his considerate grunts, as well as his famous door closing policy (crash, tinkle, tinkle). The "I" is going to be done with him now so take good care of him. Remember Reynolds, if it wasn't for BIG, LAF, SCRATCH, and CINDER you wouldn't be where you are now. We all are going to miss you "Little-One"
DYKES: 1975 Harry McKnight
1981 Mark Layne, Mark Deshambault





Thomas James Replogle

Jeffrey Paul Revercomb

James Martin Reynolds



John Edward Riester
"Ned", "Ries", "Rooster", "Headsly Griester"
Rochester, New York
Civil Engineering Navy
Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, 1st Sgt 2, Lt. 1; Hop&Floor 4,3,2, 1; Hotel Roanoke Chairman 2; New Market March 3; Navy Pistol Team 2; Lacrosse 1; Academically Distinguished 4,3,1; VMI Varsity Rack 4,3,2,1; Legion of Valor Bronze Cross 1; Daughters of Founders and Patriots 4, American Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 3; American Military Engineer 2, JV Basketball 1
Without a doubt, Ned is one of the finest BS'ers ever to hit VMI. He intrigued many a cadet with his wild adventures of high school, summer cruise, and his many encounters with the opposite sex. Always a hard man to keep down, Ned recovered from all his shootdowns and set himself on the unsuspecting feminine world sporting a plump smile, innocent dimples, and a gift for gab. He knew his priorities; himself, the Navy, and women — in that order. We will always remember him for his energy, his optimism, and an exceptional personality which, combined with his terrific grades, has made him the '78 Navy "Good Boy" for four years. Now we must say goodbye to the man from Rochester as he rides off in the snug confines of his antique volk Good Luck in "Nuke" school.
DFR, JKW
DYKES 1975 John Crenshaw, Mark Hall
1981 Steve Brouse, "Hubs" Hubbard

John Edward Riester



David Francis Ring
"Dave", "Ringer", "Ring-Ding", "Ranger Rickie"
Leavenworth, Kansas
Electrical Engineering Army (Engineering)
AROTC Scholarship; Academically Distinguished 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3, Pvt 4,2,1; Militaria Society; Karate Club 4, W.J. Hubard Scholarship Award 3; E.E. Scholarship 3; Rat Training Cadre 3; Rugby 3,2,1, Airborne School 2; IEEE 2, Pres. 1; AUSA 2,1, Ranger Platoon 2; ROLA Award 2; Ranger School 1; Distinguished Military Graduate.
Nowhere in history has there been a man like this twerp! "Ranger Rick" earned his name and was known in barracks as one of the chosen five (ranger tab and all)! This explosive animal lay hidden behind that sweet, smiling mug. He will always be remembered as the type you want to take home to Mom. After going though 25 roommates he finally settled down in room 132, the Mayberry barracks. Who else could be imprperly dressed two times in his cadetship and get boned both times for it? Who else could go into a deep sleep in the middle of an IEEE meeting? Who else could sleep all day (including class) and still get a 3.8? Like I said before, "There is no one like Davy!" From the fine PX crew and your roommates, Good Luck and Grrrrrr
JER
DYKES 1975 John Stewart
1981 Marc Barthello



David Francis Ring

William Sage Robertson
Bill
Richmond, Virginia
Economic Army (Army Artillery)
College Republicans 1; Cadet Staff 4,3, Cpl. 2; Pvt 4,3,2, 986 S.T., Fire Fighters 4, O.G.A. 1
Setting: Highway 81, approaching the Lexington exit
Time: August 21, 1974
Mrs. Robertson: Wake up Bill. We're here
Bill: What? Huh?
Mrs. We're in Lexington!
Bill: Oh no It's to soon
As close as I can figure that's how it all started for Bill "Rat" Robertson aspired to be a civil engineer, but after some disappointing grades, he joined up with Dr. Chang and company. Although Bill was not an outstanding student, his determination, sense of humor and Nancy held him in good stead throughtout his cadetship. Speaking of that sense of humor, Bill could in the span of five seconds utter those immortal words, "This Place Sucks", stub his toe and dissolve into the wildest laughter you ever heard God bless you brother and thanks for four great years
DYKES: 1974 Bill Robson
1978 David Saunders

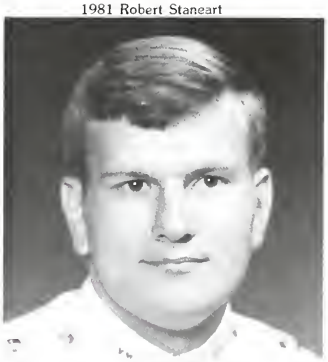




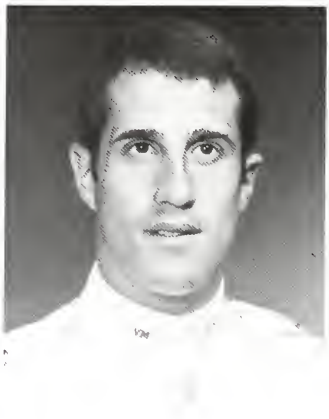
William Sage Robertson



Donald Lee Robey
"Nasty", "Bear", "King Cherry", "Robey-one knobEE",
"Slow-Big"
Louisa, Virginia
Electrical Engineering Navy
Cpl. 3, Sgt 2, Pvt. 1; Football 4; Track 4; IEEE 3,2,1; EE Dept. Cadet Assistant 2,1; TCFC 3,2 (Co-Chairman); Pervert Corner 3; Swing East Side 2,1; B-Company Nobody; Qualified Diving Officer on SSBN Submarine.
Donald arrived at VMI with no intention of being a great military officer. He only dreamed of getting good grades, getting out of VMI, and then traveling. Well he got two of his dreams to come true; he made good grades and is getting out, but traveling is out of the question when you got four years of Navy after graduation. During his third class year, he met a loving from Buena Vista who just loved to party as much as he does. Well they are now planning to take that big step and get married shortly after gradutaion. The summer before his first class year, Donald had an experience that he will never forget. That is, spending 60 days straight without any booze or the sight of a pretty girl, muchless an ugly one.
DYKES: 1975 Wade Bowman
1981 Robert Staneart



Donald Lee Robey



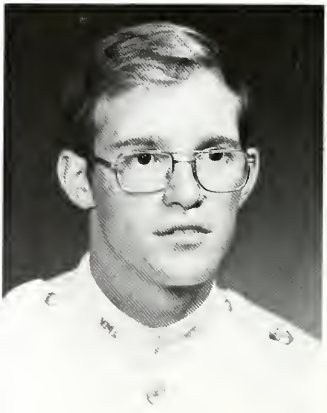


Gerald Edward Robinson
"Gerry," "Gerald-Fu", "Sow", "PHu-Gas", "Buffalo-Breath".
San Franciso, California
C.E.-Army, (Field Artillery)
Pvt. 4,1; Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; D.M.S.; Airborne 1; International Relations Club 3,2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3,2,1; Young Democrats 4,3; A.C.S. E. 3,2,1; Glee Club 4; Cadet Btry. 3; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; O.G.A 1.
Four years ago Gerald-Fu rolled into Jackson Arch an innocent and unknowing young man. After the shock of "Mither-Ramos" he blended in well with the Institute under the care of his all-knowing Dyke. Third and Second class years saw him in one of three places; in his rack in NEB studying, or in the X snorkling cheese dogs. First class year with the ownership of a car he attempted to revive a social life that had been comatose for three years, and to bring up his dyke in the same old mold.
Best of luck, see you in five years.
-Help Received-
WHA RJM

DYKES: 1975 Doug Kulick
1981 Rick Sutherland

Gerald Edward Robinson





Robert James Rockfeller
"Rock", "Bob"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
CE-Army (Engineers)
Business Manager VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew 3,2,1; Prisoner 4,3,2,1; CE Lab Assistant 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
Certainly no one will forget Rock's on the spot, twenty four hour a day, CE Help session. From calculus to structures and crete practically every civil engineer had "Help Recieved" from Rockefeller. Rock's biggest problem at school was trying to figure out a way to get a VMI Civil Engineering degree while Attending U.Va. ., Well, he never quite did it, but he spent as much time there as he could. Rock's social life was a different story from his academic performance, it seemed that he was never a flashy person whether it be cars or women. He drove a 1962 VW beetle and his taste in women was comparable. In his first class year he was the light as far as women were concerned; but as for cars, he's still driving that 1962 bug. A better roommate and friend there could hardly be, we wish him all the luck in the world in years to come.
DYKES: 1975 David L. Hensley
1981 Nathan C. Tabbert

Robert James Rockfeller

John Frederick Roser, Jr.
"Big John"
South Plainfield, New Jersey
Biology-Army-Field Artillery
Lexington Loberers 3; Gay Caballeros 2; Muff Buffs 1; Pre-Med Society 4,3,2,1; Civil War Round Table 4,3; Intramural Basketball 4,3, 2,1; N.Y.-N.J. Bus; Late Study Club 4,3,2,1; Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., 1st Lt.; Gillette Foamy Bombardier 3,2,1
John arrived here on 21 Aug., 1974 with aspirations of becoming a good student, a good cadet, and a good friend. John has not only met these goals but exceeded them. Being a starting receiver for three years straight with VMI's most winning Football Clubs, John will soon attend medical school and go on to be a great doctor. John entered VMI with stars in his eyes which soon appeared on his sleeves. Who could ever forget John picking up his friend Jack D. and Mr. Beam with his left-y hand coming back from Banana Land? John, I'd like to say I've been very fortunate to come to know you and love you like blood. May God bless you in all you do. Hey John, Got any shaving cream?

Marcus

DYKES: 1975 Jim McCriskin
1981 Bob Longo





James Cary Routson
"Elmmy", "Jim", "Dimmy"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering Air Force (Missiles)
ASCE 4,3,2,1, Pvt 4,3,2,1;
Jim put alot of time in that rack of his during his stay at VMI, but he put alot of time in the library too. As a C E he worked, and put off work, as much as any, and did his share of time at summer school here in Lexington, far, but not too far, from his native home, Richmond. He lead a rough academic life, but he made it regardless. His social life wasn't all that he wanted it to be, but that's life at the big I. Aerospace bored him, Col. Scully teased him, Major Rude confused him, Col. Knapp worked him, and his roomates tormented him, but he still endured. We found Jim an excellent roomate, brother rat, and friend, regardless of our teasing. We're sure he'll top that hill of science and see the rewards of the future beyond
DYKES 1975: Joseph R. Vermes
1981 John Myers







Samuel Edmund Saunders, III
"Sam", "Bo", "Sammy", "Slam"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering Air Force
Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Properties Manager 3; Secretary 2; Vice President 1; Society of American Military Engineers; Pvt 4,3,2,1, Cpl. 3;
What can you say about a guy who's been your roomate for two years at a place like this. Sam, we've been through a lot together. Now comes the test to see if its's been worth it or not. From where I stand, you are definitely one of the ones who'll make it. Your practical sense in engineering will take you far. As long as you don't stay a "zoomie" too LOng, you should be a real success. The four years here at the hole (I've known you since the first sweat party) have been memorable ones to say the least. With you acting as a buffer between me and the Red Man, you've remained the "Cool Head" of the boys in "13" ever since you moved here. I'm looking forward to seeing you at Alumni Reunions and elsewhere in the future. Bo, take care and God Bless!
Remember MIP

R.M.K

DYKES: 1975: Jim McCriskin
1981: Marc Kinton



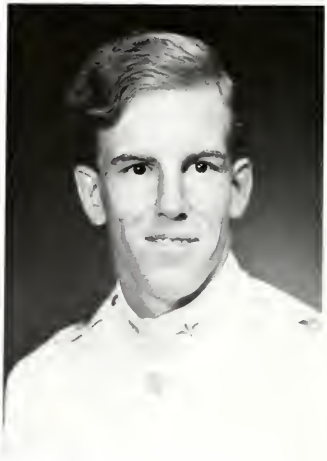
John Frederick Roser, Jr.

James Cary Routson

Samuel Edward Saunders III

Louis Raymond Schaper
"Mugsy"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
History-Army (Armor)
Football Letterman 4,3,2,1; Drug Advisory Committee 3,2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Weightlifting Club 4,3,2,1; High-Rollers 4,3,2,1; Skoal Club 4,3,2,1.
"For me there is only the traveling on paths that have heart, on any path that may have heart. There I travel, and the only worthwhile challenge is to traverse its full length. And there I travel, looking, looking, breathlessly."
— Don Juan
Dykes: 1975 Dan Rothermel, Garland Issacs, Bruce Torbett
1981 Eric Gleaves, Mike McCloud









Mark Huston Seely
"Squealy", "Space Cowboy", "Seely Dan"
Canadian, Texas
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Private 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3; Rugby 2,1; A.&T. Fro. Bro. 2; Sans Pantalon 2; Sarah 3,2,1
My time at V.M.I. has been a very testing one, as I know it has been for all of us. The true test though, has not been of our academic or military abilities. It was on a much deeper level, the level of our souls and spirits. And whenever one has to look so deeply inside himself every day for four years as we have, and face what he sees, he has accomplished a great goal. He has become a man. We haven't gone through it alone though. We've had the help of a few very special people. I'd like to thank every one of my BR's for the closeness I feel toward you all, especially Bill, Tim, Gino, Tony, Cliff, Ron, Glenn and Norm. Thanks Mom and Dad for having the wisdom to not make me, but let me become what I am. And thank God for the most precious and beautiful thing in my life - Sarah.
DYKES: 1975 Rusty Rahm, John Overcash
1980 Kirk "C.B." Berkhimer
1981 Matt Merriman, Dave Jenkins



Matthew Anthony Schell
"Matt, Squat, Dirtball, Troll"
Norwich, Vermont
Economics-Marine Corps
Private, 4,3,2,1; Football Manger 4,3,2,1; Astronomy Club 2; P.L.C. 3,2
This Green Mountain Boy from New England turned down an offer of admission to a fine civilian college simply because it wasn't in keeping with his goal, a military career. Since this first day I entered V.M.I., I have often wondered why I decided to choose this Institution for my college education. I tell you the "whole" experience at V.M.I. has bewildered me. It's time to dispense with any further questions. Life is too short and hindsight is futile. In conclusion, I quote from my mother: "V M I. is not a college, it's a tension school".
However, I've met some fascinating and crazy characters here and had some good times, so I don't think I've missed out completely I wouldn't have made it this far if I didn't.
Without a doubt I've learned the meaning of perseverance during my stay. I just hope that I will benefit from all the sweat and toil after graduation from this gray structure on the hill.



Louis Raymond Schaper

Matthew Anthony Schell

Mark Huston Seely



Clifford Albert Seibel
"Cliff", "Nagel", "Erich", "Cotton A ", "Woolie", "Father", "Chamalon", and many more!
CE- Air Force
Pvt. 4,2,1, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2; Intermural Boxing 4,3; Rugby 2,1; Estelle's 3,2,1; Paramount Inn 4,3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Country Music Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Red Neck 4,3,2,1; Chase Mountain "Night Depositor" 1; RDC Member 1; Rat Bat. Staff; Gold Coast 3,2,1; RQ Comatose Club 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; BUFU 4,3,2,1.
Rooming with Cliff for four years (plus summer school!) has been a great experience. Its been long but Cliff stuck with me through it all. Not only did I gain a Brother Rat but also a lasting friend. With his easy going country ways, Cliff could be found in our room enjoying a cup of coffee, his pipe and most important, his country "music", and maybe some Rebel Yell! That **is** Cliff and I couldn't, nor wouldn't, change it. "Nagel" is someone I can talk to about personal problems or situations knowing that he will help or understand. Cliff, you've helped make VMI bearable. I'll always have a place in my heart and home for you! Good luck to a lousy drinking partner but **GREAT** man! Whoever gets Cliff will have an asset! P.S. Remember who fished ya outta da toilet! WLM '78
DYKES: 1975 David "Salvo" Lape
1981 Dave Taylor
Joe Shrader



Clifford Alfred Seibel



Harry August Seipp, Jr.
"Harry"
Seaford, Delaware
History- Army Infantry
Rangers 3,2; Rat Training Cadre 1; FTX 4; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Loyal Order of the 44 mag. 3,2,1; O.G.A. 1.
21 August 1974 I entered these walls knowing almost nothing about V.M.I. The time I have spent here has been full of tests for the mind, body, and soul. At the same time they have been perhaps the greatest years of my life. The bad times I seem to quickly forget, but I shall never forget the great times or My Brother Rats. With the aid of Mom and Dad and My Brother Rats I have achieved something that no one can take away, the V.M.I. experience. Upon leaving the Institute I hope that all my Brother Rats will meet with success and happiness and that our paths shall often meet.

H.A.S. '78

DYKES: 1975 Mehrdad Andisheh
1981 Philip Wilkens



Harry August Seipp, Jr.

Charles John Shank
"Chuck", "Alvin", "Chuckles"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering -- Air Force
Pvt. 4,2,1; Cpl. 3; Hop and Floor 1; Theater 1; IEEE 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 41 Club 4,3,2.
"It's so easy, it's so simple" . . . with that philosophy Chuck found his way into the Electrical Engineering Department where he eventually picked up bunches of electricity from Hot Needle Nichols. Well, we raised the holy devil in 41 for three years anyway and Chuck surely left his mark. His rat year found his main interest to be photography. I was sure he was on the road to being a pro . . . all those beaver shots. Sophomore year found our hero striving to make up academically. He became a phantom roommate spending excess hours in the library and NEB. As a junior he became infatuated with an exquisite sound system the "Chuck Shank All-American Model Airplane Factory." His Maverick eventually took him and his system to many wild and exotic places . . . but wherever it took him . . . he always made it back one way or another. Now after well over three years we find it's time to part and go each our separate ways. I can look back and see the way Chuck has touched so many with whom he has been in contact. As I leave VMI-I will by no means leave behind the fond memories and close friendship Chuck has made possible.
DYKES: 1975 Chuck Wohlrab
1981 Mike Gunn





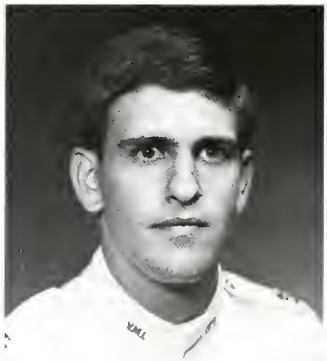
Charles John Shank



Thomas Ruggles Shaw
"Scratch", "Fugas"
Fairfax, Virginia
M.L. - U.S.M.C. (Aviation)
Glee Club 4; NROTC Pistol team 2,1; Ghetto Crew 2,1; Third class show 3; RDC 1; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1.
In August of 1974 Mr. Long Hair, Cool Breeze, Hippie walked through the golden gates of the Big 1. He thought he had this place by the "rocks" until the barber and Bohon got him. They straightened him out because he ended up being a Lt. in Bravo company and going gun-ho stud marine. Stud has a double meaning here because Tom also came to VMI with a reputation of "woman-killer" which he has kept up. For three years we couldn't control our roommate-partier isn't the word for him!!! However fate struck him-a woman walked into his life. One who could do what we couldn't, control him. She took charge and brought calm. We stuck it out, four years and I enjoyed it. With all the ambition you have you'll have a bright future. I wish you and DeAnn all the happiness and luck in the world. Laf., J.R. and Snider will miss you too Dykes; 1975 Dave Applin
Dave Bohon
1981 Dave Tomczak
John Reed



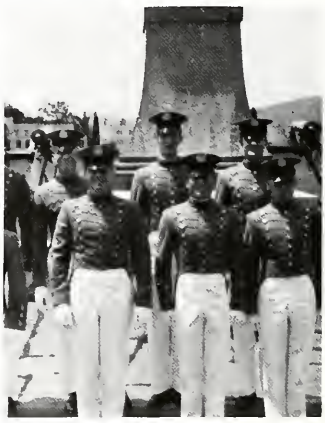
Thomas Ruggles Shaw



Fredrick Wise Sherman, Jr.
"Rick", "Fred, Jr."
Orange, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Army Engineer
A.U.S.A. 3,2,1, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, 2Lt. 1; A.S.C.E. 2,1; Scuba Club 3.
Rick came to the V.M.I. **almost** knowing what lay ahead. When something went wrong he had that classic line "But my friend Sammy said . . ." When he made cadre corporal, he knew he was going far (even if he did have to go to grammar school). Not having been a ladies man, the sergeant from Big "O" foresaw possible difficulties at Ring Figure. However, everything was solved in time for the big blast. The administration attempted (to no avail) to make him a member of the #1 club, but Rick returned in great style, the highest ranker from Spicer's Mill and with a new car to entice the women. Now Fredrick the Wise is unleased on the unsuspecting world to seek his fortune. We all are confident his determination will see him through. Absolutely! Good Luck.
H.B.R., W.V.D., Jr.
DYKES: 1975 Larry S. Lineback
1981 John Potenti
Kurt Fredrick



Fredrick Wise Sherman, Jr.



Lesley Vernon Shimanek
"Red", "Schmuck", "PT"
North Fort Myers, Florida
Electrical Engineering-U.S.M.C.
Rat Training 4,3,2; Pvt. 4,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Number One Club 2; Hollins Block Running 2; PLC Permit 4,3,2,1, Firefighters 2,1; Aggresors 3.
To all my brother rats, what else can I say but thank you. The fun, and there has been some, was due to your ingenius antics, I just happened to fortunate to be with you. To Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, you were like a second set of parents to me, your faith helped me along when I needed it. To my parents, believe it or not, I made it, I might have lost faith sometimes but you seemed to be there when I needed it.
". . . he must be aware of his place in the long continuum of the craft, aware of its traditions, aware of those who have come before him who were worthy and of those who come after him and will be worthy . . ."
The Fellowship of the Craft
Dr. C.F. Burgess @ VMI
DYKES: 1975 Bob Winfree
1981 Mark Olson, Mac Spears



Lesley Vernon Shimanek

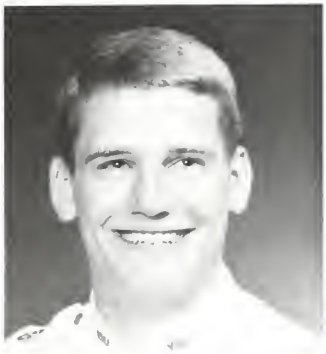




Robert Higgins Simpson
"Bob", "Simple", "Ranger Bob"
Falls Church, Virginia
Modern Languages Army (Infantry)
Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Rat Co. XO 1; Dean's List 3; Number "1" Club; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Ranger Platoon 2,1, Ranger Platoon Sgt. 1; Rumtruckers 4,3,2,1, Pervert Corner 2,1; M.B.C. Raid 2,1; Firefighters 1; Ranger School 2; D.M.S., D.M.G. 1;
After recovering from the initial shock of matriculation, Bob began to explore the cultural centers of Rockbridge County- Johnny's, P.I., Southern Sem., and Zolloman's. In no time, he became an honorary member of that ignoble society- Tappa Kegga Beer. Never in the history of the Institute has one cadet done so little and gotten away with so much. Ranger Bob has done things others only dream about and when they ask why, he stands proud and declares, "Who give a @$#%*!" During the past years, Bob and I have stuck close together and have spent many hours discussing topics of high interest ranging from V.M.I. to women to reality. Through all the worst time, he has continued to smile, a credit to his excellent attitude and character. A closer friend will never be found- Good Luck.
DYKES 1975: John Siemens
1981 Frank Palermo







Wesley Barrett Shull Jr.
"Wes", "Skullbait", "Bugger Bear"
Annandale, Virginia
Economics-Army (armor)
Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Cheerleaders 2,1; Pep Band 4,3,2; Tanker Platoon 2; Young Economists Club 1; Young Republicans Club 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Root Cellar 4,3,2,1; #1 Club; All American Gansz Band 4,3,2,1.
I've asked myself many times whether or not I thought that my 4 years here have been worthwhile and at times I've wanted nothing more than packing my bags and leaving. I tried that once but I realized that by running away from your problems you really dont have any chances of ever solving them. I honestly believe that despite the semi-sheltered lives we lead here, VMI teaches you how to stand up to your problems and solve them. For this reason and the everlasting friendships I've made I can say that I havn't wasted 4 years of my life by coming here. To all of you, my friends and enemies, take care. I hope our paths may cross once again. Finally- to the sunshine of my life, You've made my last 2 years here a joy! P.S. Mom and Dad, I love you.
DYKES: 1975 Sam Crim
1981 Andre Lauzier

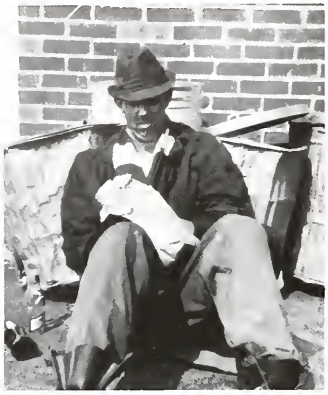
Harry David Siegfried
"Ziggy", "Nighttrain", "Stardust"
Norwood, Pa.
Economics-Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Ghetto 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3; Monogram club 2,1; fellowship of Christian Atheles 2,1; VMI Society of Young Economics 1; OGA 1; Estelles Social Club; Marylane Ballroom; Member Ring Committee.
The first time I met Harry he was complaining and he hasn't stopped since. He spent more time getting in and out of trouble than studying. When he was a sophomore he became an honorary member of room "26" and the next year made the famous Florida trip which was followed by a guaranteed "good Time" "GL" in Pittsburgh. Then he just missed getting arrested when he stole (borrowed) the mountaineer's hat at the basketball tournament. He spent the next summer laying around Lexington and mellowing out for his senior year. But this year Ziggy has become close friends with the new Commandant and the C.E. tactical staff.. He was a leading member off Marylane before its untimely demise and has since shifted his weight to Estelles Thanks to the Sieglried Family, roommates, rooms 44, 26, and all friends for their guidance that helped me over the rough spots which are many at the Institute.
Dykes: 1975 James Turpin
1981 Gordon Ivascu
Vince Wood

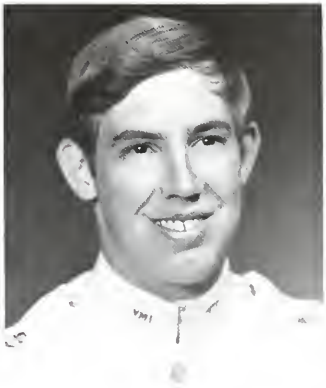


Wesley Barrett Shull, Jr.

Hardy David Siegfried

Robert Higgins Simpson





James S. Simons
"Jim" "jimbo"
Cinnaminson, New Jersey
Economics Navy
Pvt. 2,1; Genuine College Student 3; Veteran of the Goshenese Campaign 1975; Boonesfarm Wine Tasting Society 1977; Happy Trails Gang 1977; A Number 4 Casualty of the Mary Baldwin Raid 1977; "Coming Back Club" 1978;
Jim arrived with us at VMI as a motivated Marine. Since then he has come to his senses, somewhat, becoming a motivated civilian. I say somewhat in that he attended a real school for a year, but still came back to us for more. Only God knows why. Jim has learned a great many things during his "college" life, including economics (via civil engineering) and that a night at M.B.C. isn't worth three months confinement. He is a fun loving, pacifistic animal killer and gun nut. A close friend, with one simple desire ("leave me alone") he helps make life fun around here. May happiness and success accompany you wherever you go, though we know that there's no chance that they will not. Live as long as you want, but never want as long as you live.
Peace, Love and Joy, Nut
DYKES 1975: Bob Holby
1981: Bob DeLoatch

James S. Simons

Kenneth Richard Singleton
"Ken", "Kenny Burger", "The 'Burger' "
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Physics Army/Engineers
Society of Physics Students 4,3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Pre-Med Society 2,1; PVT 4; CPL 3; SGT 2; 2LT 1.
Ken the Rat has become the cadet 2nd LT and four years have passed. His military and academic performance at VMI were nothing short of outstanding, considering his major and lack of interest in the military service.
Somehow this Dean's List Physicist has the call for Med. school. An incurrable studier and worrier, we wonder why he has no ulcer. He never had time for companionship of the fairer sex while at school, but gave freely of his time and resources to Brother Rats in need.
Ken's third class year was by far his worst with plenty of confinement and a broken hand, yet he made it in good spirit. Ken is an absolute nut, and such proved to be an excellent companion and friend. As a successful doctor, we hope to find him practicing securely in the fourth dimension surrounded by quantum ducks and orbiting neutrinos.
DYKES: 1975 William Landrum
1981 Chip Collingwood





Kenneth Richard Singleton





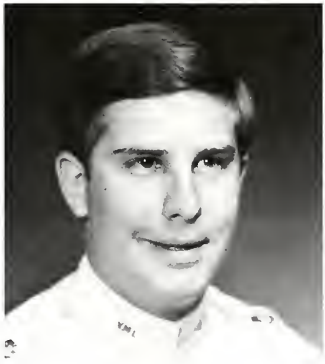
Robert Scot Singletary
"Singlelaby", "Dingleberry", "Doubleorder", "Single", "Dancing Bear"
Lexington, Kentucky
History Navy
Pvt. 4,2,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2; Civil War Round Table 4,3; Rugby 4,3; MBCRT 2,1; VC 1; Cadet Assistant 3,2; Bloodmobile Chairman: Great Armadilla Hunters Ass. of America; Slaughterhouse Five Gang; Apathy Club 4,3,2,1; Second Class Editor, Bomb 2; Estelle's 1; Day's Inn Demolition Team 2; Kiley Fan Club; Henderson Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous 3; Ghetto 2,1;
What can one say about a guy who turned his cadetship into a day student status? Or about a guy who spent more time away from VMI while on confinement, than when not? One could only say "That's Singletary!" Scot came from Kentucky- a land of fast horses and beautiful women to be taught by Mike, Charlie and others to filter out the horses from fast women here in Virginia. We all knew Scot had a booming three years in the Navy when he waited to hear his name announced on the radio from Moscow- along with the Naval Department. Most cadets live from weekend to weekend, but Scot lived from O.C. to O.C. with permits strewn in between. We will all miss Scot's bopping strut down the stoop and warm and friendly smile. Scot, take care and Good Luck. May you never date a beautiful horse!

MAG '78

Robert Scot Singletary

Thomas Charles Sliwoski
"Tom"
Garden City, New York
Civil Engineering- Air Force
Pvt. 4,3,1, Sgt. 2; Color Guard 2; S-5 Staff 4,3; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Society of American Military Engineers 2,1; NY-NJ Club 4,3,2,1; Run For Your Life 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 3,2,1; Sanitary Engineering Lab Cadet Assistant; OGA 1; Air Force ROTC Two-Year Scholarship.
Tom came South with aspirations of being defferent from his high school contemporaries. Here he succeeded. But now, after "his VMI experience" he is a little wiser, not so enthusiastic as in the beginning and really full of character. Surviving his rat year, Tom came back in search of his lost military style. Surviving his Third Class year to become a Second Class ranker. Never to forget BFT, BB, and Ralph . . . First Class year with the head crazy, Mac and me would drive most people crazy but Tom and Mac equalized cheveron city.
Except for the food, academics and barracks life, Tom loved it here. Never to be forgotten is his New York accent and stories of N.Y.
To a super brother who I'll miss, good luck Zoomie and remember, Ad astra per aspera.
DYKES. 1975 Bill Kern
1981 John Dixon





Thomas Charles Sliwoski





Brion Carleton Smith
"B.C.", "The Pig Ranker", "The Virginia Gentleman"
Manassas, Virginia
Biology- Army (Field Artillery)
Honor Court Representative 1; Varsity Golf 4,3,2,1; Rat 4; Corporal 3; 1st Sergeant 2; Regimental Executive Officer 1; Regimental Barber 1; Pre-Med Society 4,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Cadet Program Board 2,1, 460 Survival Group 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2,1.
Brion (with an **o**) arrived in Rm. 460 back in '74 with golf clubs, a tennis raquet and alot of hopes. After four years, the Rocket Man still carries his raquet, clubs and those hopes that haven't been fulfilled or lost. He has managed to become Regimental X.O., Dean's List Student, and 4 year letterman. He seems to have done all there is at the "I" except win an argument in rooms 460, 323, 223, 123, and 158, against Keeb, Shady, Yo-Yo, Chump, and Son of Leech. But no matter, he hasn't lost his temper in over four years. In May, this Southern Gentleman will take his diploma and slowly walk away. Whether he ends up as "A Mountain Side Hermit" or a or a downtown dentist, he'll always be ready to listen.

A.M.F. '78

DYKES: 1975 Stu Fleming
1978 Jeff Davies

Brion Carleton Smith

Basil Eugene Smith
"B-E", "Baze", "Snake", "Dr. Weasel"
Martinsville, Virginia
Biology-Air Force
Pre-Med Society 4,3,2,1; Timmons Music Society, 4; Student Grotto, 4; Atheletic Trainer, 4,3; Cadet assistant Lejeune Hall, 3; Young Democrats, 3; Chairman Ring Design Committee, 3; Marshall Museum Assistant, 3,2,1; Fire fighters, 3,2,1; President Renee Richards Club 1; Cheerleader, ,1; Corporal, 3; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; RFYL 3,2,1
In August '74, Basil entered VMI with high hopes of embarking upon a rewarding four years which would lead to his goal of attending medical school. Achieving success academically his first year, while still holding onto his individuality, he looked forward to his upper class years. However, as the next two years were to prove, his eagerness was in vain. The Institute, with its many petty regulations fell far short of what a proper academic institution should be. Between academic frustrations, time consuming extra-curricular activities, and a constant search for entertainment, he began to realize the mistake he made in coming to VMI. The agonizing realization of his mistake, the observation of the cruelty and stupidity of the Institute all led Basil to develope a hatred for VMI. To his BR,s, he says goodye, and hopes in the future they will remember the sorry state of the Corp.
Dykes: 1975 Bill Fowlkes
1981 Edward Seueia

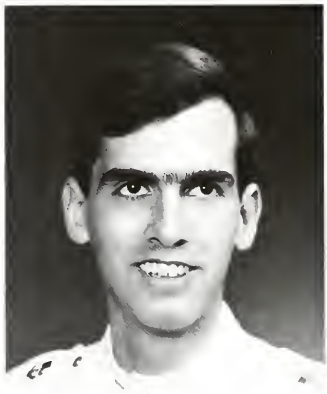


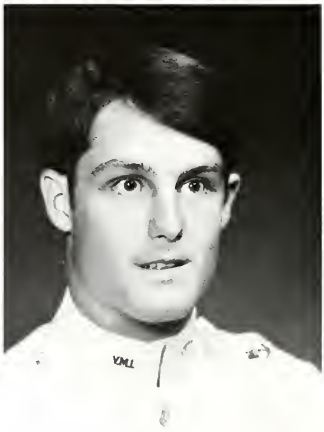


Basil Eugene Smith



Gary Wayne Snyder
"Cinder", "Georgeous", "Snider", "Happy Rat", "Teddy Bear"
Falls Church, Virginia
History- Air Force
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Rugby 1; Firefighters 2,1; Ghetto Crew 2,1; Renee Richards Club 1; VMI Cadet 3,2,1; Ring Figure Magazine Business Staff 3; Library Assistant 2,1; Student Grotto 4; Mary Baldwin Raid 1; Rat Typist VMI Bomb 4; Love to Ear Club 4,3,2,1.
Georgeous came from Falls Church with a smile, an appetite and blond wig. He lost the latter during S.N.I. but has retained the first two throughout his cadetship. The fact that his openness, friendliness, G.P.A., social life and sense of humor have not faltered during the VMI process are tributes to cinder. The fact that he hasn't murdered his ribbing roommates is a tribute to his patience. Gary is always trying something new. Rat year he wasn't content with the Mess Hall so he decided to do some of his eating behind Moody Hall!! Despite his bubbly exterior (minus one bubble) there is a serious side to Gary, we all have come to respect. His concern for his family, Air Force goals and food. Snider, we will miss you and your loose underwear. We are among those who "sort of like you". BIG, SCRATCH, LANDSHARK, LAF
DYKES: 1975 Billy Hunter
1981 Kirk "Crunch" Campbell
Chet "Ranger Rat" Thopson







Thomas Jefferson Stevens II
"Pin Head", "Terminal Jerk", Fat Boy", "Shadow", "TJ"
Nokesville, Virginia
Civil Engineering Special Student
CPL 3, PVT. 4,2,1; Confinement Club 10-6-25, 10-1-10, numerous 5-1-5's; Number One Club 15-4-60; Cadet Assistant 2; Pep Band 4,3; General Hellraiser 4,3,2,1; Gold Coast 4,3,2,1; Prosecutor Royal Coo-Coo Court 1; Intramural Fooyball 3; O.G.A. 1.
"Sound off, Rat!"
"Stevens, T.J., Nokesville, Virginia, sir."
"Nerdsville!?"
That rat from Nokesville . . . or is it Nerdsville? It was never too clear. With visions of glory, TJ found every loophole in the system and used them often. He seemed almost predestined for a big bone early every year, but TJ always came out smiling with a Remissions of Penalties sheet in his hand. It's kinda hard to say what kind of cadet TJ was because he sometimes thought he was a civilian. There's no way around it! TJ always thought first class and first class he is!
DYKES: 1974 Robert Warren Bakon (WDDW)
1981 Matthew Wayne O'Conner (SAD)



Garry Neale Spencer
"Earl"
Arrington, Virginia
Civil Engineering – Navy
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; ASCE 3,2,1; RDC 4,1; Summer School 3,2,1; Pervert Strip 4,3,2,1; Number 3 Club 1; Duck's; Nelson County Club; OGA 1
The many friends I've made, the education I've received, and what I've learned about myself are the things that have made these last four years worthwhile. There is little I can say for this peculiar institution other than that I'll be glad to graduate. I would like to thank my parents, without whose patience and understanding I could never have hoped to come this far.
DYKES: 1975 Boyd Tucker
1981 Manson Massie



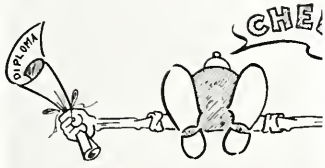
Gary Wayne Snyder

Garry Neale Spencer

Thomas Jefferson Stevens II

Christopher Michael Stone
"Rock", "Henge", "Stone Henge", "Rosetta"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army (Engineers)
S.A.M.E.; A.S.C.E.; DMS; Zoo Crew 4,3,2,1; Deans List; Swamp Dweller 4,3,2,1; Apathy Club 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Recondo Trainee ; Survivor of the Labor Day Massacre 2; O.G.A. 1.
I will never be able to list all that I have done, nor hope to detail all that has happened to me. Just let it be said that those who know me best, or worst can tell you some strange things. I came to VMI for the experience and knowledge, and now "I are a enginere, aint that right, ya boy" I am deeply grateful to both my parents and roomates who have put up with me these past few years; and to my closest friends, whose friendship I could not have done without.
DYKES: 1975 Nigel McKenzie-Graham
Joe Rosenberger





Christopher Michael Stone

Joseph Charles Stranger Jr.
"Strangedyke"; "Homo Reclinus",
"Rackmaster", "Fat Rat"
Woodstock, Virginia
History-Army (Infantry)
Football 4, Rugby 4; Dean's List 3,2, Rugby 3,2, 1; Cpl. 3; Circle of Darkness 1; Homo reclinus club 1; Scuba Club 1 I met Joe Rat year with all his "great ideas" and ended up in Woodstock for the Corps Trip (My date with Shiela). We decided to stick it out at the "I" until Christmas. We returned! By Final Hops he was at it again! He set me up with Kathy (she broke the hotel bed) but again we survived. Third class year he held the fortress through a "mighty kegger" As Seconds, we were here for good and celebrated Homecoming in style! His Ring Figure "ideas" were brewing, but so was a storm from the North-shattering his dreams (and ring). Joe, it was difficult but we kept each other going from the start. Thanks for the good times and I accept your apologies for the bad times. If you will only wake up, you will get your Diploma.
WLM

DYKES: 1975 Glenn Furr
1981 Mark Shepard





Joseph Charles Stranger Jr.





Nenad Stepanovich
"The Serbian Saint", "Ned", "Serb", "Bato"
North Royalton, Ohio
History Civilian
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3,2,1; All Pro 4,3,2; Cocke Hall Strength and Health Club; Number One Club; Skoal Club; OGA 1;
Memories of my friends and what will cause me to remember VMI the most, they are never to be forgotten, Bato's Bulldog, Landshark, Garry, Chip, Jimmy, Mike and Pup. How else could I have stuck it out, thanks dudes. And how fortunate for me to be blessed with such a wonderful family, Mama and Tata, I love you! Marko, my brother, you are immortal to me. Simple words do you an injustice; may God bless the three of you. Yes fans, in my four years of comedy and errors, I have gained many memories. Glorious ones on the field of play and the mats of competition, bringing me "All Southern" in both and the Nationals in wrestling. All the sweat and blood and broken bones have undoubtedly been well worth it. And oh yes, spending my first class year with the gracious Sunshine by my side. Yes baby, you are truly **first class**!!! Later VMI!!!
Dykes 1975: Tom Baur
1981 'Brumie'
'Waterhead'

Nenad Stepanovich

Bryant Boatner Street
"B.B", "B^2", "Strut", "Road", "Boulevard", "Avenue"
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering- Air Force
Assorted Clubs and Societies 4,3,2,1; Zoo Crew 4,2,1; M.B.C. Raid 4; Pvt. 1,2; Cpl. 2; Sgt. 3; Co. Exec. 4
It has been said that when a class matriculates at V.M.I. each person in that class loses his individuality and becomes another name on the roster. However, in reality this is not so for V.M.I. serves to accentuate one's personality and so it true with Bryant. Bryant came to V.M.I. with hopes of becoming a Civil Engineer and an Air Force pilot, but with bees and alergies the way they are the Air Force took his slot, still another V.M.I. good deal. But Bryant went on ahead and got academic stars and an Air Force Scholarship anyway, because that's the way he is. He always worked hard but still found time for his Brother Rats, his family and of course Lynn. There are very few things at V.M.I. that I have found as a cadet to be worthwhile. Yet, sometimes, friendships are formed that will last long after graduation and so it is with Bryant and I. I wish him the best in all that he does and I know thats all he would settle for.
DYKES: 1974 Mike Mueller
1981 Jere' Harris





Bryant Boatner Street

Eugene Loyde Sveum, Jr.
"Gene", "Skum", "Geno", "Genie"
Falls Church, Virginia
History U.S. Civilian Corps
Pre-Med Society 4, Arnold Air Society 4,3; College Republicians 4, VMI Bomb 4; 245 Bar and Grill 2; Zoo Crew 4,2,1; 327-A 3; Non-rankers Society 4,3,2,1; PVT 4,3,2,1.
When Skum came through the arch in August of '74, he had illusions of being a Bio major, but after a "vacation" in the hospital, he turned to the History Dept. With the battle cry of "L.A., Leads the way, Everyday, Into the hay", he plunged forth and started to work. Somehow he made it through the horrible experience of the "Wadd" and the "Sponge" in 327-B and survived the adventures of "Asteroid Al" and myself in 327-A. His second class year was full of excitement and missed opportunities (remember Ring Figure, Gene?), and the "245 Bar and Grill" will never be forgotten. As a First Class Private, Gene has buckled down and is looking forward to a life as a civilian. No one can say that Gene hasn't been a good BR and friend during his 4 yrs. at the big "I". We'll always remember the Skum!

Good Luck Gene!
Don, Dave, and the Hamster
"Thanks for everything, Mom and Dad"

DYKES: 1975 "Little Napoleon" Deslongchamps
1981 Pete Tranchik





Eugene Loyde Sveum, Jr.





Thomas Vaughan Tanner
"Tom", "Roscoe", "T.T.", "Shorty"
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics Army (armor)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Rgt. Sgt. S-3 2; Rgt. Capt. S-3 1; Pep Band 3,2,1; Bomb Staff 4, Wrestling 4; Fire Fighting 1;
Short in stature but long on stripes and friends, Tommy has made a mark on the I, that is bigger than most of us. Tom found out that following his brother's path to the Jackson-Hope medal was not easy. He made it to his first class year with a 3.0, in the process becoming one of the most respected men at the "I". Both the administration and the Corps have benefited from his work. He'll also be remembered for his smile and his friendship, and for being compared to a teddy bear; every girl wanted her very own "tom thumb doll". Tom's crowning achievement, after being able to hold onto Ginger these four years, was his planning for the West Point Corps Trip our First Class year. But before you graduate T.T., answer this- "Hey Tom, what was on t.v. last night?"

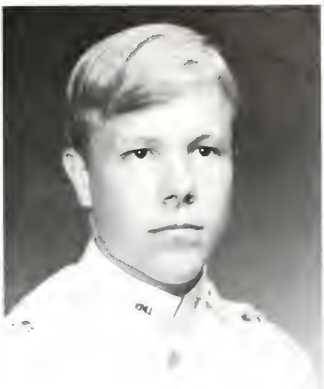
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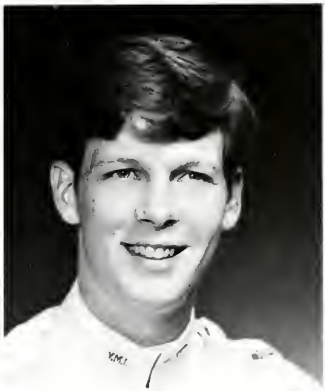
DYKES 1975: David Schuyler
1980: Steve Chase
1981: Randy Mouri
David Hinchoe

Thomas Vaughan Tanner









John Douglas Thomasson
"John", "JD", "Lanky"
Bassett, Virginia
Economics — Artillery
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Ski Club 1; Skoal Club 2,1; Pervert Corner 4,3,2,1; BOMB Staff 1; VMI Society for Young Economists 1; Scuba Club 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Raingazer 4,3,2,1
Cha'acter is what mek a man behave w'en dey ain' nobody lookin'!!
Dey's one thing sho' — de mo' you frets er-bout a job o' wu'k, de mo' harder hit gwine be to do!!
Some folks whut calls you "frien' " weeds day-se'f out purty quick w'en trouble come!!!
W'en a man want ev'ybody to call 'im "mistuh" all de time, he sho' gwine hatter pay fuh it!!
C.L. and J.P. Alley, Jr.
DYKES: 1975 Ricky Law
1981 John Driscoll

Stephen Wayne Thompson
"Steve"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Biology-Army (Artillery)
Trainer 3; Pre-Med Society 4,3,2,1; Skoal Club 2,1; CRC 2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Rugby 2,1.
Not knowing much about the "I" when he came here in 1974, despite growing up in nearby Lynchburg, he soon became a master at the "Low Profile". Not quite as good at the "Low Crawl", his ability to slip away on the weekends was in competition only with his ability to slip away from the Tac Staff. Perhaps visiting the girl's colleges on weekends was poor preparation for his "weekend warrior" obligation, but the Rugby weekends provided good practice at war. When it came to beer or girls he usually chose beer because it seemed to be in steady supply, but the girls were fun while they lasted. Maybe four years of late nights in the Biology building were a bit much, but lots of thanks go to Rick and Steve for humor and steady company.
DYKES; 1975 Trey Brenkman
1981 Jim Gibbons

Daniel Presley Thornton
"Thunder"
Monroe, Virginia
Economics-Army (Field Artillery)
Private 4,3,2,1; Honor Court 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically distinguished 3,2,1; DMS; DMG; Posit Committee 2; President Posit Comm. 1; Member Omicron Delta Epsilon 1; Cadet Placement Comm. Representative 1; "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" 1; OGA 1
I came to VMI in August, 1974, believing I was fairly intelligent, and leave in May, 1978, realizing I am fairly ignorant. I now know that learning is a never ending process, and the only way to get the most from life is to learn as much as possible about it. I thank VMI for leading me to this valuable conclusion.
I've enjoyed a lot at VMI, and I have not enjoyed a lot. The enjoyment can be credited to some of the best friends that can be found anywhere in the world, and the rest to a system of militarism with which I could never quite agree. Yet, I know I have benefited from my four years here. I also know that I'm looking forward to graduation and the rest of my life, with whatever the future may hold.
Dykes: 1975 Jerry Dewaters
1981 Ron Mislowsky





John Douglas Thomasson

Stephen Wayne Thompson

Daniel Presley Thornton





William Ellis Tilley
"Bill"
Luray, Virginia
Modern Languages- Navy
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Hop and floor 4,3,2,1; Baptist Student Union 3,2,1; Pres. 1; RFYL 4,3; Fencing 2,1; Sports Publicity Asst. 2; Cadet Asst. 3; Ring Const. Comm. 2; Fire Fighters 1; NROTC Scholarship 3,2,1; OGA 1
Bill came to VMI ready to try everything college life had to offer. He will leave as an open-minded christian ready to take on life's responsibilities, and as a true friend "VMI" has been nothing short of a tremendous blessing for me in every area of my life. Mentally, I have received an excellent well-rounded education. Physically, I have enjoy running and fencing. Socially, I have made many wonderful friendships which I will cherish always. And spiritually, I have been given an exciting new life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For all these things and much more I am forever grateful." "How can a young man keep his waytrue? By keeping it according to thy word." Psalms 119:9 "A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel." Proverbs 1:5
DYKES 1975 Mike Farris

William Ellis Tilley

Ronald Allen Topp, III
"Ron"
Chesapeake, Virginia
A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club 3,2,1; Estelle's Grill Club 3,2,1; Estelle's public Relations Man 2,1; Summer School Club 5,4,3,2,1;
I suppose it is customary to have one's roomates write his first class history but not being one to stand on custom or ceremony I decided to undertake this myself. Many thanks go to my Mom and Dad, who have stood firmly behind me these last few years even though at times I think it was hard for them to understand my position here, because V.M.I. has to be experienced to be understood. It was my parents who wouldn't hear of me paying for my own college education and Dad who always unquestioningly spent his hard earned money in order for me to be able to attend the institution both during the school year and every summer, so I could keep my head above water. Also I've been most fortunate to have had the best of roomates. To them and especially Mom and Dad: I hope I haven't let you down.
DYKES 1975: Bruce Torbett
1981: Butch Burgess





Ronald Allen Topp III





Robert Guy Traver
"Rob", "Bob", "Trav-a-load", "Trav Frankie", "Robz"
Haddonfield, New Jersey
Civil Engineering Army (Corp of engineers)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Religious Council 4,3,2; Pres. 1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Theatre 3,2,1; Commanders 3,2,1;
In this first class history, I want to talk of my two roomates, Bobby and Billy, who have made life most unusual here at the Big "I". First came Bob, playing his trombone and wearing topsiders, then Bill, redneck showing a mile off and humming Hank Williams. Soon this strange duo affectionately called me Frankie and showed me the error of my ways. Would you believe I once thought the North won the Civil War and L.A.'s studied? Considering all that has transpired in our room it is a wonder that I have never served confinement because of you two (up till now) From entertaining two girls in our room for two sucessive nights, to to the time we had six cadets in civvies **with** Capt. Hamilton paying us a social call, we still have not gotten caught! I wish to thank Bill and Bob for many pleasant memories and many heart attacks. I wish you the best in life. (Remember Jan. 0300 at the Main Sinks!)
DYKES 1974: Robert Bacon, Don Killcullen
1981: Mike Shupp, Mark Lowe

Robert Guy Traver

John Hackworth Tucker
Lovingston, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Army (Field Artillery)
Firefighters 2,1; Young Republicans 3,2,1; IEEE 2,1; RFYL 3,2,1; Corporal 3, seargent 2, 2nd Lieutenant 1; Academic Stars 4,3,2,1; DMS.
The day of August 1, 1974 has long since past, but most of us still remember that first day. From then on the "I" has molded us and made us into a cohesive body of individuals who understand and respect one another. For myself, I've had the tragedies and triumphs, the hopes and disillusionments, the dreams dashed and then reborn, but I would not take the world in return for the four years I have spent here with the best guys I have ever known. Thanks belong to Mike, "the Ranger Roommate", for setting an academic level for which I could only strive and to Mark, "Juh", for being a constant companion in the halls of study and for showing me an easy outlook on life. Thanks also to MOM and DAD for the continued support and unquenchable faith.
Dykes: 1975 John Plunckett
1981 Johann Cooper





Bont Franklin Tulbert
"Buzz"
Richmond, Virginia
CE-Army (Engineers)
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, 1st Sgt. 2, Lt 1; Rugby 4; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Scuba Club 2; Hop Escorts 2, President 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; SAME 2,1; Number One Club 2,1; Mary Baldwin Raid 1.
Bont came to VMI a civilian and remained that way for 4 years. The Big "I" hardly slowed him down. I'm sure he will never forget his second class year and the midnight rides with "Hog Body", "Gitch", and "Schmuck" to Hollins and Madison. His first class year it was Baldwin, Sem, and the apartments with "Yitz", "Ox", "Joe Baby", and "Big Jim".
If there ever was a lady's man it was Bont. He had an uncanny eye for the women and there were quite a few.
Bont always strove to be at the top. He went from 1st Cpl. to 1st Sgt. to the "Number One Club" (Thanks Govenor Godwin). I don't think there has ever been anyone with as many stripes as Bont and ran as much "sh " as he did.
Bont was well respected and a friend to all in the Corps. There has never been a better brother rat. Good Luck
Dykes: 1975 "Uncle Dave" Schuyler
1981 John Haithcock, Fletcher Thompson, Joe Cafarella









Joseph John Tulskie, Jr.
"Yo-Yo", "Tulsk", "WHAT!!!"
Springfield, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering-Army-Engr.
Cross Country 4; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4; Football 2; Rugby 1
Legend has it that the first words Joe learned were "your place or mine?". This may or may not be true, but we who know him realize that the Lord placed him on earth to have a good time. Thus far he hasn't let his creator down. His classmates will be reminded of Joe by mention of quarter-mile, #460, the sirine, WHAAAT?, broken walls, deep sleep, and Rugby, Madison, Sem., Baldwin, and UVA still bear memories of this Rowdy Keydet. He'll be an engineer, but he'll always be a friend first and a partier second. From the Keeb, Shady, Chump, Rick, and B.C., Good Luck
At this time I would also like to thank my friends that made my stay at VMI a bearable one. I would especially like to thank my family for standing behind me in all my hard times at the "I".
DYKES: 1975 Dave "Salvo" Lape
1981 Ronald E. McGee, Richard Lynn Tuell

John Hackworth Tucker

Bont Franklin Tulbert

Joseph John Tulsilie, Jr.



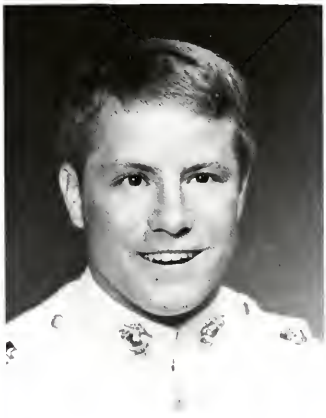
Robert L. Vidrick Jr.
"Bob", "Bobby", "Drick", "Dink", "Chester"
Richmond, Virginia
History-Air Force, Missile
Commander's 4,3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,1; A C Pro Club 4,3,2; Summer School Society 4,3,2; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.
Bob has been a constant source of inspiration to us for the past three years – especially when we see him diligently studying while we depart to talk to the girls. Seriously though, Bob has more perseverence and fortitude than Bill and I will ever have. He has fully taken advantage of his musical abilities by playing in the Commanders, being a leading member of the Regimental Band, and co-directing the pep band. In between his studies and his music, he has found time to meet and date some nice young ladies to further round out his education (most especially, one from Va. Tech). Whatever Bob sets out to achieve, you may be sure it will be accomplished one way or another, regardless of the time spent on the task. We his roommates feel that Bob will do well in life through his diligence and personal integrity. Your B.R. roommates for three years, Robby and Billy.
Dykes: 1975 Greg Diamontopulos
1981 Harold Worrell



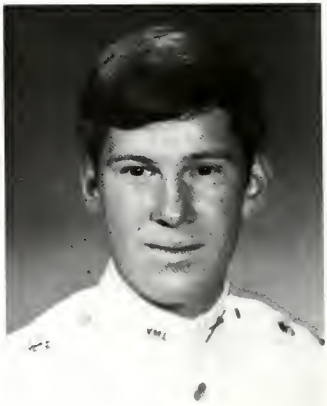
Robert L. Vidrick, Jr.



Blaine David Vorgang
"Gang Bang", "Banger", "Teddy Bear", "Stump"
Fairfax, Virginia
History-United States Marine Corps
Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Jackson's Battery 2,1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4,2,1; Confinement Club 4,3,2,1; Apathy Club 4,3,2,1; Mad Bombers Anonymous 4,3,2,1; First Class V.C. 1; Firefighters 3,2,1, OGA 1
I came to VMI without ever seeing the place, and many times since I kept telling myself that I should have gone to Tech, but I kept coming back. Probably the main reason was the lasting friendships that have developed, as well as the sense of knowing that I can make it through college with my own determination and honor. I can remember the many times Toad, Stu, Big Dick, Mike, Dwight, Ken, Stono, Rick, Butch, and Fred and I have griped about the food, confinement, work, the place, and no chicks in sight. I can also remember laughing and getting drunk, shot down, raising hell and generally getting away with it. Thanks for it all. Thanks also to my parents for their patience and understanding these years. Was it worth it all? I'll find out.
Semper Fi.
DYKES: 1975 Doug Dunlap
1981 Tony Savage, Pieter Nauta, Fred Winkler



Blaine David Vorgang



Stanley John Walchock
"Stan", "Stosh", "Willing"
Norfolk, Virginia
English-Army (Armor)
Sweet Bush Club 2,1; Summer School 4,3,2; Third Class Follies; MBC Raiders 2,1; No Car Club 4,3,2,1; 430 Club; Hitch-hiking in Blouse Club 4; S – Sandwich Club 1; Young Democrats 2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Cross Country 4,3; Tidewater Club 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
"What (a) piece of work is a man, how noble in form and moving, how express and admirable in action, how like an angel in apprehension, how like a god."
Hamlet II, ii, 11 303-307
DYKES: 1969 Corville Nohave
1975 Preston Sloane
1981 Steve Frazer, Greg Wolven



Stanley John Walchock



Craig Leonard Wallen
"Whale", "Jarhead"
Wilmington, Delware
CE-United States Marine Corps
Coporal, Reg't. S-5 Sgt., Reg't. S-5, Civil War Round Table 4,3; Firefighters 2,1; Cadet Assistant Swimming 3,2,1; S-5 Staff 4,3,2,1, Rugby 1; Navy Scholarship; Who's Who in American Colleges; Marine Detachment
Four years ago Craig and I entered the big "I" as total strangers. Through the rat line and rat training we became aware of each other. Our third class year found us hanging around together (Remember that day in the ranger pits). From that point on, we became as close as brothers with certain exceptions (I mean what can you say about a guy who doesn't drink, smoke or chase women, but loves fires). He's helped me get through some really rough times and I've helped him over some tough times. He's one hell of a guy, and I wish him the very best in all he strives to do. I know he'll probably have his own fire station someday. You'd better keep in touch or I'll tell the world your nickname is "Whale Baby."
Dykes: 1975 Dave Sheppard
1981 Ken Pohlig, Billy Stamm
1980 Steve Letts



Craig Leonard Wallen





Bruce Alan Walls
"Bathroom", "Captain Astro", "Waldo", "Commander", "Captain and Teniele", "Bulk Monster", "Type A"
Springfield, Virginia
English Air Force
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Cpt. 1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; FCA 2,1; Ring Figure Co-Chairman 2; Ring Figure Entertainment Committee 2, Local 246; Roanoke every weekend Club 3,2,1; The Wife 4,3,2,1;
From a mere popcorn vendor in a theatre to our own Captain Astro, the commander has come a long way. After four years of rooming with "Bathroom" we have become tolerant of each other's differences, thank Goodness. One cold and wintery day, Bruce, "under the influence", met the wife, feet first. Although he has become a phantom roomate on the weekends, Bruce still found time to share many moments with us, which included everything from a late night cup of Rachel's coffee, to check formation-like mud slides in the courtyard. After many long afternoons of "Bruce Training", it has finally paid off. He will have the distinction of a cadet who graduated with no demos, no confinement, no fun, four stripes, and two thousand commandant's weekends. We wish you luck in the future, and don't forget to save us some fatigues. RML
DYKES 1975: Mark Skuby
1981: Dean "Beano" Foster.

Bruce Alan Walls

Mark Anthony Walrod
Welch, West Virginia
English Army (Armor)
Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4,2,1; Ranger Platoon 3, Rat Training 4, Orienteering 2,1; Run for Rack 3,1, Hate Col. Nichols Club 4,3,2,1, English Speaking Union 1; Pre-Law Society 1; OGA 1.
When Mark came to the I, he was all set to be a hot dog English Major. I'm proud to say, however, he's seen the light (three years too late!). He's finally moved from the low rent neighborhood on the South side of Barracks, to God's country on the west. He's now an honorary member of the NEB gang, with plans of attending WVU to complete his B.S. Good Choice! So far this years been going pretty good (except for a dyke with an affinity for MD 20-20). He's even decided to walk with the men this semester and join boxing if he can run the gauntlet of the CE Tac staff he should do alright. Well Mark, good luck in your quest to be a CE. Just stick to it and remember, "F-MA, You can't push on a rope, and 1,3 and 5 are stack men", And you'll be alright.
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DYKES 1975 Franklin James Hillson
1981 James Edward Langan





Mark Anthony Walrod





William Welch Way
"Barney", "Scoter", "Beast"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering Army
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cadet Staff; Ghetto; All City (Lexington) Running Back; Intramural Football Champs '77;
Billy left Richmond following family tradition heading for the Big "I". Not knowing what to major in, Billy signed up for CE to escape the English, but like any CE he spent many summers in school and was a permanent resident of Lexington at Tucker Street. Becoming one of the boys, Scoter picked up the new name, Barney Rubble. Feeling as though his social and drinking life were deprived, Barney could always be found at Zolloman's, Goshen, Baldwin, Estelle's, or making a quick run to the Red Front. "I don't understand why I can't get any work done", he would say. Billy picked up his first confinement during the best Ring Figure after coming back Saturday morning at 9:30, saying the alarm never went off. Billy, you'll make it in anything you do, a true friend that we will always remember, whether it was waking up Kite or being the center of the party. Having the best disposition and personality of any guy I know, grab for all the sun, fun and crease you can. Thanks Mom and Dad.
Dykes 1975: Mike Hunter
1981 Bob Abbit

William Welch Way

Dwight Samuel Weirich
"Munchkin", "Little One", "OTL"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics-Navy
Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rugby 3,2,1; Firefighters 3; Hop and Floor Treasurer; Third Class Finance Committee; Ring Figure Magazine Committee; Summer School 75; Charter Member of Pebble Beach.
Munch arrived at VMI a typical rat type with a protruding stomach, beady little eyes, and his cute little red pajamas which he had just cut the little booties off of.
He will probably be best remembered by his unique scream which resembled the sound of a hyena giving birth.
Little One's reputation as a nature buff first arose when an alert tac officer heard the boom of a firecracker and the sound of retreating footsteps heading for Munch's room. Upon closer inspection it was discovered that Dwight was 100% improperly dressed and spaced out, but his staunch sense of pride forces him to declare his bone as being unjust. (20-10-45)
Well fella, it has been a long tough four years, but making friends like you has made it all worthwhile, until the reunions or where ever we may happen to meet, take care, good luck, and anchors aweigh.
DYKES: 1975 Gerry Irissarri
1981 Ben McClellan





Dwight Samuel Weirich



Martin Stanley Welsh
"Hound", "Marty", "Ma-ton", "Goose"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics Army (Artillery)
Madison Weekend Club 4; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Lodge 3; Vice president, VMI Scuba Club 3; Club 250 3; O.D.U. 2; Social Advisor to the Lodge 1; President, Beach House 1; Brought from wilderness into a domesticated state ?
When I first met Martin I didn;t think too much of him. All he wanted to do was go home and be with his friends. Later that year (Through common interests) we started hanging around together. Sophmore year we shared the same house. We went to B.V. many a night (even an occasional over-nighter at the lodge). Martin, a natural economist, was always considering prospective investments. Unfortunately one made it necessary for him to go to O.D.U. our second class year. That year he went back together and continuously on the hound. I will never forget the good company and food we shared at the B- house. Martin looks forward to continuing to be an entrepreneur and enjoying life in the future.
Dykes 1975: Dan Schultz
1981 James Ovca, Donald Mitchell

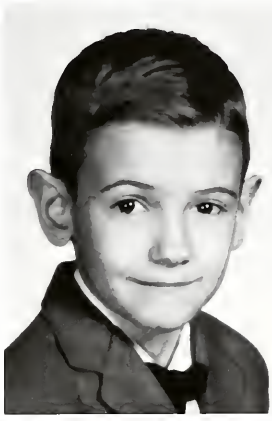


Martin Stanley Welsh

Richard Roland Wetherill
"Rick", "Heidi", "Admiral", "California Cruise"
Norfolk, Virginia
Biology- Navy
Wrestling 4, Soccer 4,3; Lacrosse 4,3,2,1, Boxing Instructor 3,2,1; Cadet Program Board 3,2,1, Cadet Recreation Committee 2,1, Posit Committee 1; Pre-med Society 2,1; Ski Club 3,2,1; Skoal Club 4,3,2,1; H-berg Kids 4,3,2,1; Dean's list 3,2,1; Swamp Dweller 4,3,2,1.
After Rick spent a cosmopolitan youth as an Army brat, he was rudely introduced to reality by VMI. Of course it cramped his style considerably, but soccer and lacrosse provided a necessary escape from the onslaught of the military atmosphere. His initial academic success together with his experience as a pseudo-ranker soon led him to join in the nocturnal life of a biology major. The STEVE's of 312 Science Hall can definitely relate. But the kid was "cookin'" all the time and he finally realized that the Navy did have something in it that was worthwhile-namely a knockout little Ensign from Duke named Glenda. So, he jumped back into reality and jumped out every weekend since his 2nd class cruise. Good times ahead for the kid and his sailin' Sallie 'cause this kid knows a tight couple when he sees one.
DYKES: 1975 Charlie Collins
1981 Tom Albro









Zachary Stewart Whitlow
Vinton, Va
Biology-Army (Field Artillery)
Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Pre-Med Society 1
What I once deemed an impossibility is rapidly becoming reality as I Prepare for graduation I am thankful for a supporting, understanding family and for my new friends, who alome have made my four-year internment bearable. there will be memories of my stay at VMI, the best of which will contain these same friends, my family, and a young girl named Nancy. To my family- thanks you; to "the brothers"-it's finally over, and to Nancy-I'm glad you decided to tolerate me
P.S. Thanks Bont!

As ever
Zack

Dykes: 1975 Danny Darnell
1981 Jim Holloway

John Kent Whitmer
"J.K.", "Whit"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Chemistry - Navy
Cpl. 3, Msgt. S-4, Sgt. 2; S-4 1; Low profile club 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club 4, NROTC; Pistol Team 2,1
Three students stood before the Pearly Gates with St. Peter
"Where did you go to school?", St. Peter asked the first one
"I went to UVA", said the Wahoo, sticking his chest out
"You go to hell", said St. Peter, turning to the second one he asked,
"Where do you go to school?",
"I went to VPI", said the the Hokie attempting to imitate the Wahoo,
"NO, you go to hell too, Ready, disappear!"
Turning to the last student, he bellowed "And where did you go to school?"
"With head lowered, feet shuffling, and voice trembling the student replied, "I went to VMI, sir."
To which St. Peter responded, "Come on in son, You've been to hell long enough."
My thanks to Mike Tate '76 for the above lines which express my feelings best
"Thanks Mom", I could not have made it without you
DYKES: 1975 John L. Young III
1981 Manuel J. Avencena



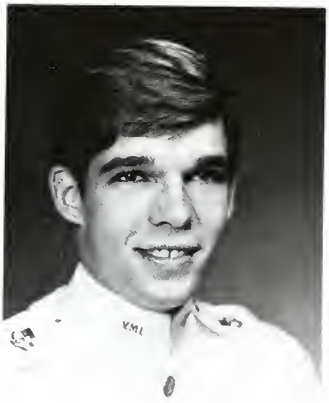


Richard Roland Wetherill

Zachary Stewart Whitlow

John Kent Whitmer





Rex Allen Wiggins
"Pez, Tex, Twig, Wig, Oedipus Rex, Sexy Rexy"
Newport News, Virginia
Economics-Air Force
Private, 4,3,2,1; Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Captain 2,1; Track 4,3,2,1, Captain 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1, Varsity Rack 4,3,2,1, Mary Baldwin 1; Cornerstone Pervert Corner 2,1; Dial-A-Brew 2,1; Off Campus Housing 2,1.
There's one thing you can say about Rex . . he could run like hell. He did a lot on the track, but it's safe to say he did even more running after women. They knew him as "Oedipus", I'll explain no futher. He came into room "12" during our 2nd class year, hid all food, then tried to get some sleep. He could sleep like no other. It was part of his "training". He majored in varsity rack, late papers, running the block, women, and becoming an alumnus. His biggest mistake, no doubt, was Chris-lost to the land of the giants. He really slowed down toward the end of our Cadetship in "room football". He barely got a field goal at Sem. Long Distance Runners last longer? Well, that's what she said. One other thing-the boy could dance! Not as good as 202, but not bad for a white boy. Rex came to V.M.I. to run and ran he did. Without exception, he was and is the best distance runner to wear the red, yellow, and white. On the track, Rex truly does reign as Oedipus, The King. B.H.R.
DYKES: 1975 Phil Marshall
1980 Alan Bufton, Mark David

Rex Allen Wiggins



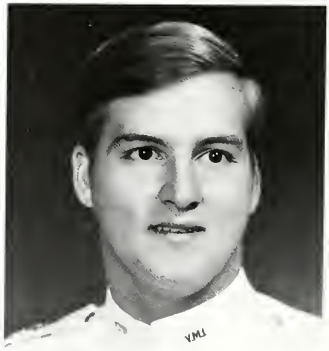
Michael Patrick John Witter
"J-BO', "Wit"
Annandale, Virginia
C.E.-Army (Engineers)
Football 4,3; Baseball 4; Rugby 2,1; Ghetto 4,3, 2,1' Estelles Social Club 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4.
Rep and I were supposed to room with Mike when we came back our 3rd. class year, he didn't make it. We thought we'd lost the "Wit" for good but he made a comeback. The rat ghetto crew was too much that first year but we all pulled through somehow. Mike then emerged as the self-appointed ghetto spokesman and comtinued to hold that position through his senior year following in Jelly Bears footsteps. We could always depend on him to come through when we needed to Mastercharge a Keg of beer of something like that. One of the highlights of his VMI career was guiding the Big Boys to the intramural championship and his subsequent induction into the infamous Rugby Club. He was one of the few remaining late night prowlers turning up often enough to earn roommate status in Room 26. Good luck from all the Boys.
Thank You!
Dykes: 1975 Robert Taylor (Jelly Bear)
1981 Steve Tennant



Michael Patrick John Witter



Marlon Gregory Will
"Wildo"
Madison Heights, Virginia
C.E. - Army (Engineer)
S.A.M.E.; A.S.C.E.; Intramural Football 3,2,1; Gay Caballeros; Muff Buffs; Intramural Basketball 3,2; Late Study 4,3,2,1; O.G.A. 1.
Priorities; the word that is often spoken at V.M.I. but seldom adhered to. Marlon set his priorities early, deep within the bowels of N.E.B.. Few things were so important to him as "the books". Other people were going to V.M.I., Marlon was going to college. There was room for extracurricular activities also; trips to Roanoke in contraband cars, beer, hop weekends (up until Ring Figure, that is). Attempting to maintain a low profile was often hard with the attention brought by stars. During his third class year stars and stripes seemed to go together. A few bouts with the administration saw Marlon on the losing side, and finalized his devotion to study, though no choice of his own, during the second class year. In an institution that provides so little opportunity for its supposed purpose, his fierce decotion to learning was a noble effort.
DYKES: 1975 Tom Jones
1981 Eric Peter



Marlon Gregory Will



Ralph Watson Williams
"Goof", "Rawlfff"
Atlanta, Georgia
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st lt. (2nd. Bn. S-5) 1; Chairman Ring Figure Budget Committee 2; ASCE 3,2,1; S-5 Staff; 3,2,1; College Republicans 1; Arnold Air Society 1; Reserve Officers Association 1.

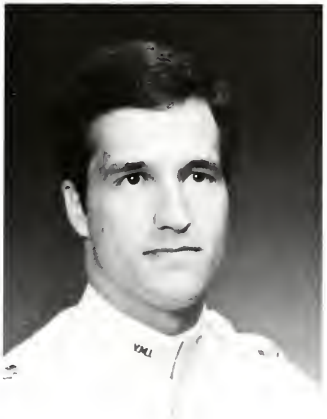
I am convinced that everyone in the corps since our "rat" year has known of Ralph. When someone is 6'7" and has a name as distinctive as his is, it is easy to understand why. By the time graduation rolls around, I will have known Ralph, very well, for almost 2.5 years. Some say that I will never recover! Besides being a tremendous conversation piece, he is also a close friend. Sometimes Ralph and I were at each others' throats, but I think I will miss him more than just about anyone I have known here at V.M.I. . As a rule he is a very thoughtful guy and is genuinely concerned with other peoples' problems. There is one phrase, though, that best describes Ralph.

Win or lose, right or wrong V.M.I.

DYKES: 1975 Vern Conner
1981 Mark Hearne, John Tener



Ralph Watson Williams



Patrick Michael Wilson
"Pat", "Wilson", "Trash", "You Sonofabitch!!", "Willl-son!!!"
Springfield, Virginia
Economics-Army (Artillery)
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Gold coast 3,2,1 ; Student Grotto 3,2; President Student Grotto 1; Cadet Waiters 2; Bomb Staff 1; Part Time Resident Rm. 115 3,2,1; RDC 1; Intramural Football 3; General Pain In the Ass 4,3,2,1.

Back in August of '74 you climbed "The Hill" to start a whole new way of life. There were those who said you'd never make it, others who just laughed. But you persisted, chargin in "like a rollin stone" always with a sense of humor. First encounters with Buck (who made you believe there just might be a Hell) . . . the familiar faces of the RDC . . . from English to Econ . . . then from airhead breakups to breakout . . . even managing to cipher the heiroglyphics of Calculus and proving along the way that Murphy's Laws exsist. Then it was Hotel Roanoke and knowing you'd come farther than imagined . . . the 100 proof visions of God and "Sunday Morning Comin' Down" amid porcelain idols . . . a summer with Gary and the Lodge and the closing sigh of four years that seemed surreal. Now as you stand in the doorway looking like the Jack-a-Hearts only one thing comes to mind:

"Well Pilgrim were it worth the trouble?"
and he said, "What trouble?"
(Jeremiah Johnson)

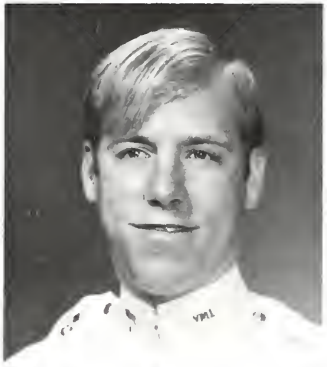
I'm damn proud of 'ya Pat
you showed them!
your brother, Rick

Dykes: 1975 Kevin Tamez
1981 Don Mitchell; Jim Ovca, Bobby Bobbit; Ken Herbert



Patrick Michael Wilson





Stewart Ross Wolf
"Stew", "Wolfman"
Winfield, Maryland
Biology- Navy
Track 4; Cpl. 3; CADET staff 2,1; Pre Med Society 3; N.S. Scholarship 3,2,1; Peoples Party 4; O.G.A. 1.

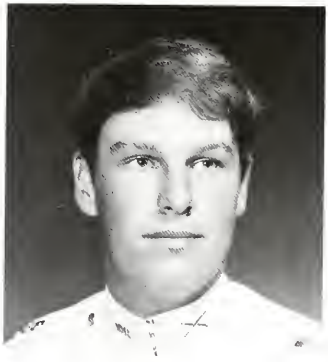
Though unused to a strict, regulated way of life, I managed to adjust to the V.M.I. system. It was not easy but somehow through grades and demerits I have finally made it. They were not a long four years of pure hell though sometimes it seemed that way. Many a time I found myself involved in situations where I would later ask myself why I did such crazy things. They were fun. Well now it is over and I have come out on top. Thank God for that

DYKES: 1975 Jerry Irrasarri
1981 Jim Waller

Stewart Ross Wolf



Richard Colwell Wolffe, Jr
"Snare", "Recondo Sergeant Major"
Short Hills, New Jersey
Economics Army (Artillery)
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 2,1; Scuba 4; Rugby 4; Golf 3; Big Boys 2; Ball Brothers 1; Geology Lab Assistant 3,2,1; Society of Young Economists 1, MOE 1, OC Party Hole (The Apartment Crew) 1;
Looking back on my four years at VMI, I see many good times and many bad. Iwill always remember the friends and the good times But the rest of VMI will just be a bad memory. Although I won't regret it. Good Luck Lenny, Pete, Glen, and Nelson.
Dykes 1975: Billy Hunter
1981 Bruce Crelin, Robert Digby



Jack Leslie Wright
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Biology Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Baptist Student Union 4,3,2,1; Pre Medical Society 2,1; Fencing 4,3,2,1; O.G.A. 1;
If I was to compose a list of qualities that I would use in choosing a roomate, Jack would fulfill them hands down- at least most of them. He has a quick sense of humor; that is, if you call "a farmer is a specialist in his own field" humorous. Jack is always considerate of those fortunate enough to know him. Take for example the time he told Clyde Long to "look over here" and immediately threw a wadded sock into Clyde's mouth. How's that for thoughtfulness? Seriously though, along with Carl and Clyde, Jack has made my time at VMI more enjoyable and livable. He is a good friend and has been a source of encouragement and spiritual strength- two very valuable commodities. Jack, I hope the future has all that you desire in store for you and all the happiness you can stand.
DMC
Dykes 1975: Rich Leonard
1981 Gary Bowman, Bob Graham







John Edwin Woodward
"John"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics Army (Corp of Engineers)
Soccer 4,3,1; Tri Captain 1; Lacrosse 4,3,1; California Kid, Karma;
An elderly gentleman once spoke to me concerning my future, or anyone's future for that matter, and said in so many words, that given a certain amount of time one should justify each step where abouts, through time step form pieces of a completed proud puzzle Utilizing time in a positive manner shall occupy my future and confidently, with the guidance of my family, friends and education, I also, will have the air of personal contentment that this elderly gentleman possessed. Thank you all for helping me through what I consider a worthwhile step and the best of luck in the future
DYKES 1975: Robert Taylor
1981 Bruce Gottwald, Jr.



Richard Colwell Wolpe, Jr

John Edwin Woodward

Jack Leslie Wright

Michael Clifton Wright
"Mike", "Goof", "No-Where Man", "Mickey"
Chicago, Illinois
Modern Languages Army (Artillery)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; SNATDC 3,2,1; Cadet Btry 2,1; Manager, Red's 2,1; Theatre 3; Ring Selection Committee 2; Hurrah, Inc. 3,2; Beatle's Apreciation Society 3,2,1; Super Suck 77; Summer School Inmate 4,3; Siggy Coffee Club 2,1; Kay Insult Inc. 3,2,1; Smokies Sleep Lab 1; Der Krummer Fan Club 4,3,2,1.
Mike and I go all the way back to our rat year when we were both in 200 level German and students of "Der Krummer". A hell of alot of water has passed under the bridge since then and though we've had our falling-outs, we remained the best of friends. There are alot of things to look back on through the past three years. How can anyone who witnessed them forget our 288 philosophy clinics which attempted to answer such questions as, "If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around, does it make noise?" Rooming with the .44 brandishing "Dirty Larry" is enough to make any one cynical, but Mike always kept his sense of humor. When he graduates this December, 1977, like his dyke before him, I will loose a good friend **"Hak und Bein bruch,"** Mike. JLC
DYKES 1975: Ken Cook
1981: Rod McCulloch
Elliot Williams











Robert Earl Wright
"Tuffy", "Tex", "Turk", "Elmo", "Bob"
Dallas, Texas
History- Army (Armor)
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Student Athletic Trainer 4,3,2,1; Head Student Trainer 1; Monogram Club 1; Mac's Bar and Grill 3,2,1; OGA 1.
What can you say about a Balding Texan whose 10 gallon hat was as big as he was? Robert has never been in very good graces with the commandants office. Who else could get boned by Buck "for being partially unconsious in public". Between that and his academic struggle, he has managed to exist with a smile on his face. We were a little upset when we found out that he was deserting us for someone with more curves to offer than us. See if we ever let you be our waitress again! Your loving rommies - Mac and Rocky.
DYKES: 1975 Charlie Hoon, Bill Witherow "The Hines Mob in 212"
1979 Pedro Aluarez

David Gerard Wrenn
Hawthorne, New Jersey
History- Army (Artillery)
Pvt. 4,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Drum Major 1; God of the Parade Ground 1; Commanders 3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,1; Layout Editor, 1978 Ring Figure Magazine; Bomb Staff 3; Layout Editor 2; Managing Editor, 1978 Bomb; Non-recipient of the highly Uncoveted Recondo Badge; Band Room 8 (Mother's Day Massacre); Zoo Crew 3,2,1; Equipment Manager, Zoo Crew after taps Gymnastics team; Engineering Officer- USS Overload 2,1; Sparring Partner for Pat Wilson 4; Highly honored recipient of wisecracks and cutdowns in Band Company 4,3,2,1.
Four years of Dave and VMI is quite a combination; one that has tended to keep things lively here. Dave is from above the Mason-Dixon line ("New Joisey") but he is a great guy anyway. There are a lot of memories: the water battle that wiped out three termpapers; West Point; Kathy, Janet, and Annie. Hey Dave, do you really a fetish for drum maces? Dave will do anything for you, to include drawing scandalous pictures on your blotter. I can't believe we are on the home stretch but I know Dave will go out with a boom (just like he did last Mother's Day). Take care, Dave, and someday we will get together like old alumni and remember all the crazy things that can only happen at VMI
IAM
DYKES: 1975 Doug Conte
1981 K. Pierro



Michael Clifton Wright

David Gerard Wrenn

Robert Earl Wright

Jeffery Gilmer Yates
"Yitz", "Gil", "Big Mac", "Crank", "Coach"
Danville, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army, Corps of Engineers
Football 4,3,2,1; Baseball 4,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; DMS.
Gil came to VMI with his shag, his women, and high hopes of being a star; only to lose his hair, his ladies, and retire early as Yitz. From QB to linebacker, split-end to coach, ball four-homerun to strike three, Yitz has made the best of it. He entered as a quiet, slender boy with little partying experience; however, through 4 years at the "Big I" and thousands of X-checks, Yitz has "filled out" as a partying man. I wonder if Don ever found out that that wasn't Drew's car.
I would like to thank my wonderful parents for lending me guidance and advice; and that great family, the Meads, for providing a home away from home; and thanks roomies and friends, I'll never forget you.
Now as our "Coach" retires, he leaves with the Class of '78 this last reminder, "Raise Hell and Eat Mule."
DYKES: 1975 Harry Barksdale
1981 Cris Timmons
Ken Hill





Jeffery Gilmer Yates





Edwin Barton Yost
"Eddie", "Edro"
Winchester, Virginia
History- Army Infantry
Pvt. 4,3; Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; VMI Young Democrats 3, Vice-Chairman 2, Chairman 1; English Society 2,1; Pre-Law 2,1; CADET circulation 2,1; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; O.G.A. 1.
I have been red shirted from life for four years.
DYKES: 1975 T. P. Ridley
1981 Mark Gonsalves
Bill Phieffer



Edwin Barton Yost



William Ora Young
"Creature", "Stump", "Will"
Norfolk, Virginia
History-Marine Corps
Varsity Baseball 4,3,2,1; VMI Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; VMI Monogram Club Treasurer 1; Cadet Assistant 1; No Slack "139"; Court Jester-1 Captain VARsity Baseball 1; International Relations Club 1.
Upon entering "VMI" I learned very quickly what a mental and physical challenge could be. I believe it has taken more than its toll on my mind and body. However, it has given me a discipline and experience no other college could ever dream of giving me. The Brotherhood established between Jimmy, Chris, Bruce, and Matt cannot be surpassed anywhere else. I am glad my family stood by me through this ordeal. They gave me my strength when needed. Becky's help also kept me going. This is the deepest devotion any girl can give through three years of our existence at the "I". With this I leave the "I" a prayer:
Our Father, when we long for life
Without trials and work without difficulties,
Remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds
And diamonds are made under pressure.
Peter Marshall
Dykes: 1975 John Crenshaw; Harry Barksdale
1981 Micheal Clark Denton Thomas Savage

William Ora Young



Kenneth Kirk Krause
"Gangster", "Broad Shoulders", "Yossarian"
Michigan City, Indiana
English-Field Artillery
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Grub 1; Apathy Club 1; Gangster Club 4,3,2,1; Post-Taps Affairs Club 2; Commandant's Model-Cadet Club 4,3,2,1; RHWP 4,3,2,1; OGA 1.
The 4-year experience of the deservedly less traveled path of VMI can be expressed in one word, "Disillusionment!" I came as an impressionable young boy believing in the worth of logic, creativity, and individuality, characteristics, since found foreign to the VMI. I leave the VMI cocoon an embittered man, grossly unprepared to deal with the challenges of the real world. To my friends, especially Hillardoo and Checks, a thanks for your loyal friendship, concern and support. To may family, my love and a realization of your compassion and wisdom which have come to mean so much as I grow. To "Miss Gayle," I owe my sanity, my 10-6-30, and my heart. Finally, to myself, I owe an apology!
DYKES: 1975 Arte Nunn
1981 "The Munger"



Kenneth Kirk Krause



John Robert Backe
"J.B.", "Backe is Back", "John Wayne"
Culpeper, Virginia
History- Air Force-(Civilian)
Wrestling 3,2,1; Cross-Country 1; Track 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; #1 Club; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Young Republicians 2; Ski Club 4,3; Ghetto 3; Class of 76'D.
John came to VMI born uneven and a stubborn creature. Whatever it was that brought him here he soon found it wasn't to enjoy the flaunt of life. He never lived a life of moderation and living the life of a monk was'nt for him. So after two years he left the Institute. But leaving put a window in his mind, he swallowed his pride and returned to the VMI life with a different understanding and broader sympathy. VMI was a good thing and he appreciated it. One pays for his courage and returning placed him aside from the other cadets and in many ways made him a pariah.
DYKES: 1973 Paul Jalbert
1980 Allen Ramer



Bobby Ray Caudle, Jr.
"Booboo", "Cuddles"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics
Rugby Club; Tennis Team; J.V. Basketball Mgr.; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Sky Kings; Horseshoe Club; Red Lion Express; Twin Falls Midnighters; Pervert Court; Ghetto; Grub Squad F-Troop 77; Summer Plantation; Tennessee Truckers; Goforit Society; Keydet Convoy;
To my mother and father, who put up with so much, thank you for being the best.

How many roads must a man walk down,
before you call him a man . . .
. . . How many times must the cannon balls fly
before they're forever banned . . .
. . . Yes and how many times can some people exist
before they're allowed to be free
Yes and how many times can a man turn his head
and pretend that he just doesn't see . . .
. . . Yes and how many ears must one man have
before he can hear people cry
Yes and how many deaths does it take till he knows
That too many people have died
The answer my friend is blowin in the wind
The answer is blowin in the wind.

Bob Dylan

DYKES 1974: Mike "Rockhead" Fisher
1980: Dave "Ski" Sadowski, Alexander Mundy
1981: Barbados Barbera, King Tut Tuttle
Serpico Sirrico





Maxwell David Floyd
"Max"
Fairfax, Virginia
Electrical Engineering Army (Artillery)
Sir Edmund Hillary Club 3,2,1; Amateur Radio Club 4,3,2,1; Vice Pres. 4,3; Pres. 2,1; Student Grotto 4,3,2; Firefighters 3,2; IEEE 1; 138 Sky Kings 1; Horse Shoe Club 1; Victim, Labor Day Massacre;
Good Times, Bad Times . . . I've seen them all. What a way to spend four of the best years of my life! As that long awaited time approaches, all those late nights studying E.E. with the Bear, Panther, Turkey, Harpo and Kell will be worth it. Playing Corporal and Sergeant was going great, until my 21st birthday, now known as The Labor Day Massacre. What an unexpected vacation! With all the "good deals" this place has to offer, I never would have made it without all my friends and the good times we have had. I'll never forget the basketball tournaments at Greensboro and College Park, three weeks in Florida with Bill, trudging across the tundra after hump nights at Mary Lane, and the parties with Bob, Mike, Marty, and the rest of the crew in room 138. Soon, our paths may part, but our friendship never will.
DYKES 1974: Rob Bacon
1980: Eric Pfefferkorn



John Robert Backe



Bobby Ray Caudle, Jr.

Maxwell David Floyd



Jeffrey M. Reilly
"Bullwinkle"
Lexington, Virginia,
History
Football 4; Lacrosse 4,3; Rugby 1; #1 Club 3; Sky King Club 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; Slaughter House Five Gang 3,1; Plantation 4,3,1; K.L.A. 1; Horse Shoe Club 1; Red Lion 1; Academic Probation 4,3; Pervert Court 4,3; Pervert Corner 4,3; Sally Port 1;

You tell me that I'm falling down
A drifter with no role
You tell me that I need a friend
To help me take control
Well let it be I'm not alone
I'm only lonely see
And you can't tell me where to go
Or what or who to be
I am exactly what I am
And not the way you'd like me to be
I look outside as long as I can
Then close my eyes and watch
My world unfold before me

GO FOR IT!

DYKES 1974: Mark H. Levine
1981: T. Bayard Mowe
J. Brooks Tuttle

John Reid Routson
"Fat Rat", "Budford P."
Richmond, Virginia
CE- Army (Corps of Engineers)
Soccer Mgr. 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.
Since knowing "fat rat" it has been one exciting experience after another. As a roommate in summer school and a close companion in regular school terms, John has been a friend and a "brother". Undaunted by the CE tac staff and their strange grading habits, and even withstanding one entire summer session ('77) with "Quasar", John has shown the most invaluable assett to success. The ability to continue even when the odds are stacked against him. To John and his lady, the best wishes and future that you can have, even though it seems so far away. No matter how you came to VMI, you leave a friend and a "brother rat". L.C.
DYKES: 1973 Ray Dodson
1981 Jim Duncan

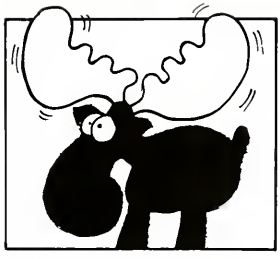


Martin Lee Pendleton
"Marty"
Sterling, Virginia
Modern Language-Army-Infantry
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3; Rugby 2,1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Number 1 Club; Ghetto 2,1; Pervert Court 2,1; "Tucker Street Lives On" Gang; International Relations 3; Five Year Club; Sigma Nu and Party too; Room 138 Sky Kings; 22 in a row Club; OGA 1.
A pecking party . . . the flock gets sight of a spot of blood on some chicken and they'll all go to peckin' at it, see, till they rip the chicken to shreds, blood and bones and feathers. But usually a couple of the flock gets spotted in the fracas, then it's their turn, and a few more gets spots and gets pecked to death, and more and more. Oh, a peckin' party can wipe out the whole flock in a matter of a few hours, Buddy, I seen it. A Mighty awesome sight.

Ken Kesey, **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**

DYKES: 1974 Tom Walton
1980 John Alerding
1981 Glenn Zaramba









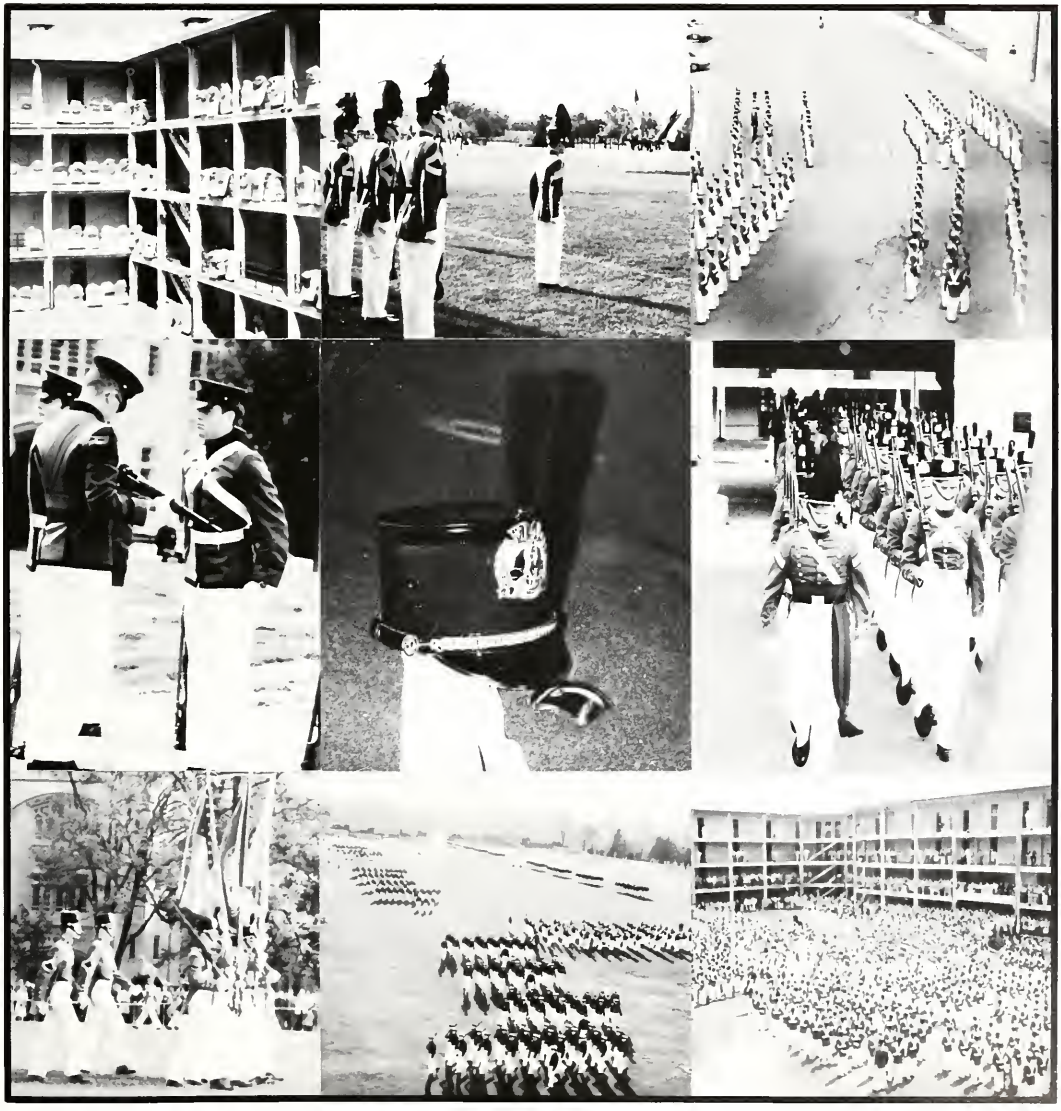
Martin Lee Pendleton

Jeffrey M. Reilly

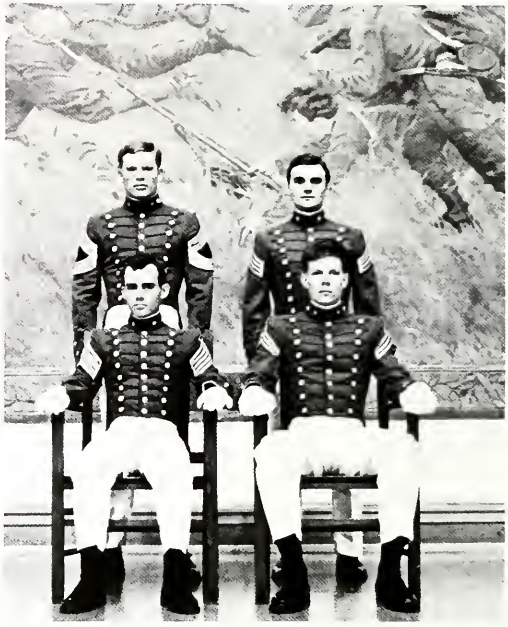
John Reid Routson

CORPS.

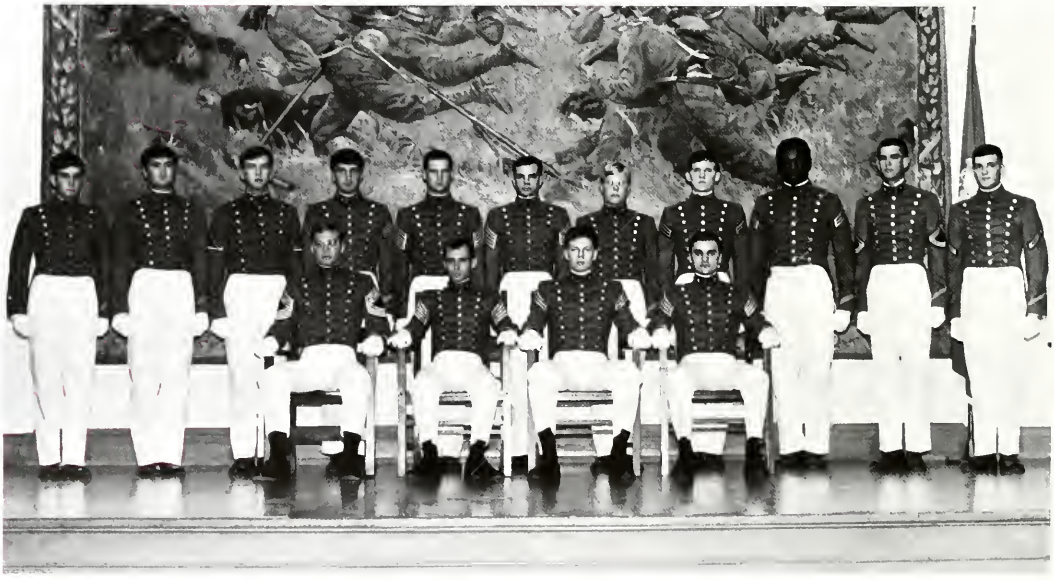




THE HONOR COURT



seated, left to right;
James J. Leech President
David M. Colonna Vice President
standing, left to right;
Wainscott W. Putney Prosecutor
Gregory A. Gearhart Prosecutor



seated, left to right; Wainscott Putney, James Leech, David Colonna, Gregory Gearhart, standing, left to right; Jeffrey Curtis, Richard Bates, Robert Norris, James Cure, Peter Dillon, Brion Smith, Daniel Thornton, Robert Johann, Glen Jones, Council Rudolph, Robert Arnold.



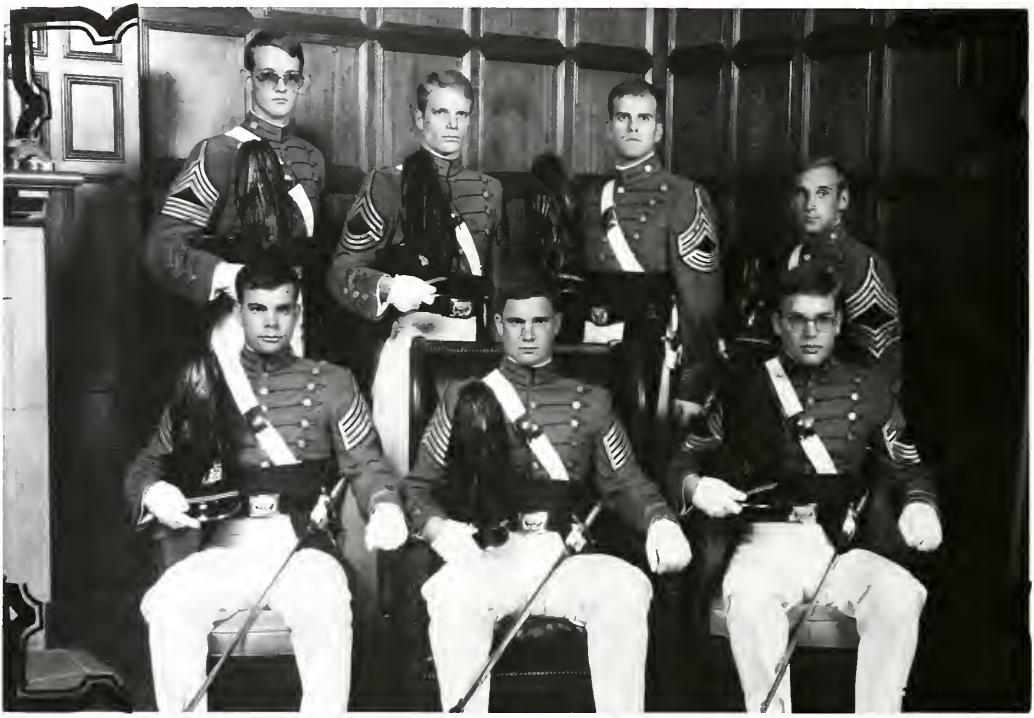
Nourished by the faith and devotion of the Corps, cherished by the alumni, and envied by institutions with lesser, weaker systems, VMI's Code of Honor stands as one of the few remaining strongholds of traditional values and timeless ethical standards. At a time in which it seems there is so little left to believe in, the VMI still produces men in whom there exists a basic sense of decency and honesty, gentlemen who believe in honor for honor's sake.

While it is the very foundation of the life and personality of each cadet, the Code is not invulnerable to criticism and attack by those who have compromised their consciences and values and see it as a useless anachronism. It is the constant responsibility of the Corps to strengthen purify the Code at every opportunity, and to see to it that nothing is done to jeopardize the fragile balance and harmony which now exists.

Personal honor is a very bright, very lonely light in the dark abyss of human failure and disillusionment. It is men like those from the VMI who will ensure its viability and propagation.

James J. Leech

REGIMENTAL STAFF



Regimental Commander — Peter J. Dillon
Regimental XO — Brion C. Smith
Regimental S-I — Wainscott W. Putney
Regimental S-3 — Thomas V. Tanner
Regimental S-4 — John K. Whitmer
Regimental S-5 — Craig L. Wallen
Regimental S-5 — Lieutentant — Thomas H. English

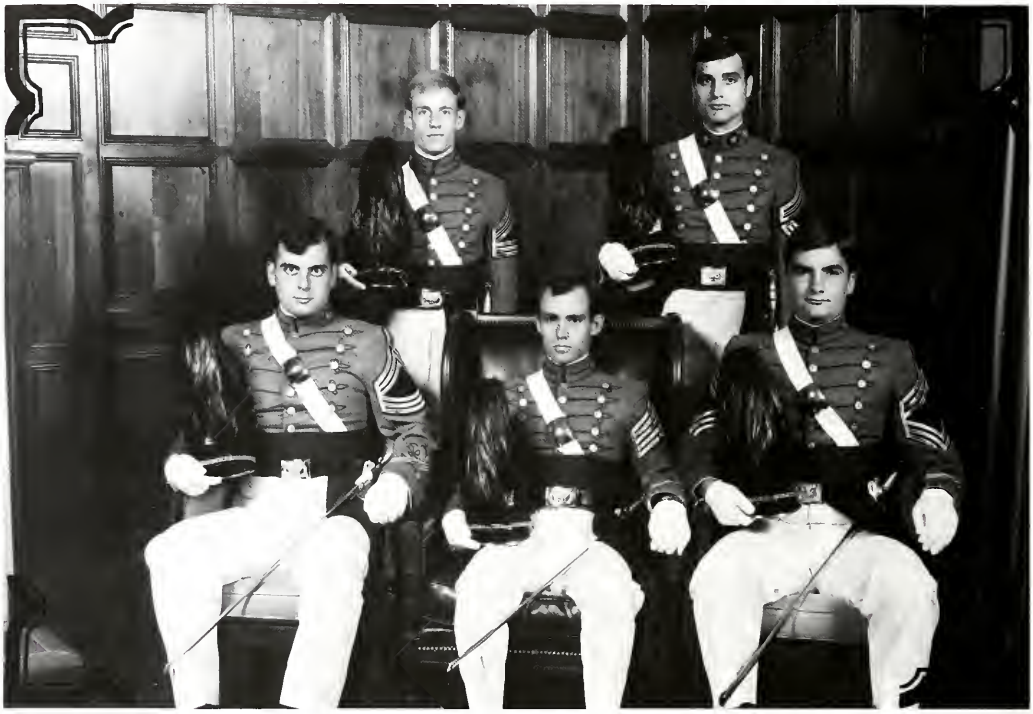
REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS





COLOR SERGEANTS

FIRST BATTALION STAFF



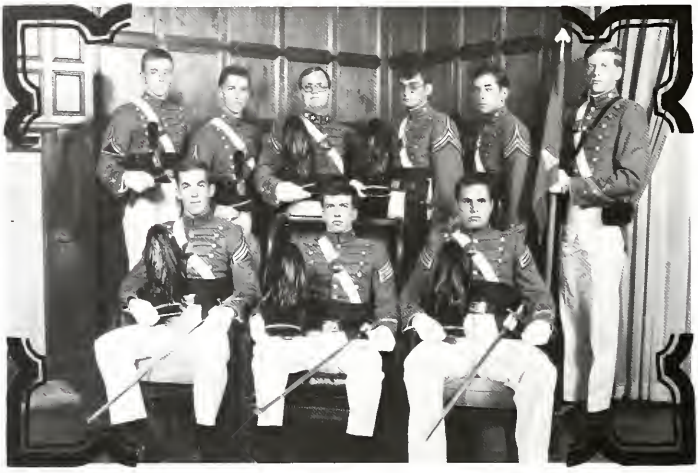
Battalion Commander — James J. Leech
Battalion S-I — Timothy J. DeSalvo
Battalion S-3 — Robert M. Kirby
Battalion S-4 — Charles E. Alphin
Battalion S-5 — I. Allen Moore, Jr.

SECOND BATTALION STAFF



Battalion Commander — Ronald Carter, Jr.
Battalion S-1 — Robert L. Fricke
Battalion S-3 — David R. Gray
Battalion S-4 — David M. Cameron
Battalion S-5 — Ralph W. Williams, III

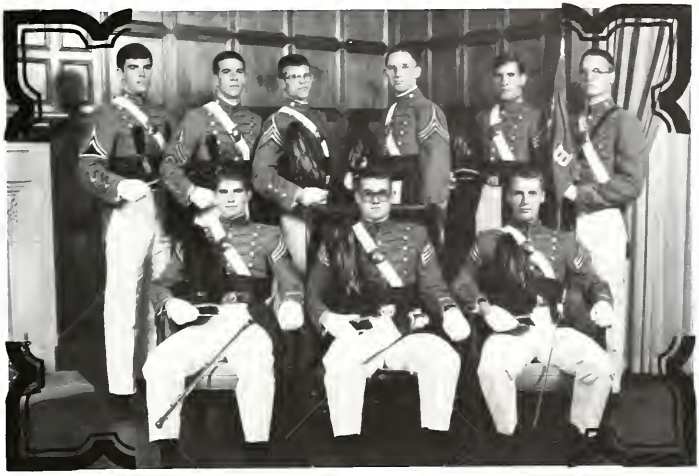
ALPHA COMPANY



Company Commander — Bruce A. Walls
Executive Officer — Joseph W. Hutt, III
Second Lieutenant — John E. Riester
Second Lieutenant — Richard M. Bartosik
Second Lieutenant — Stephen M. Powers
Second Lieutenant — Nelson C. Curtis
First Sergeant — Paul C. Jussel
Master Sergeant — Craig A. Myler
Guidon — Robert H. Gansauer



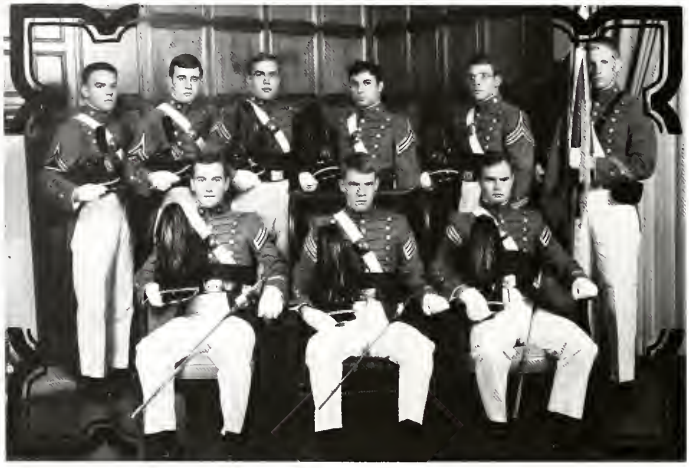
BRAVO COMPANY



Company Commander — Richard M. Powell
Executive Officer — Glenn R. Dallinger
Second Lieutenant — Thomas R. Shaw
Second Lieutenant — Michael Freitas
Second Lieutenant — Donald B. McGinnis, Jr.
Second Lieutenant — William R. Lowe
First Sergeant — Philip H. Gallahan
Master Sergeant — Michael R. Vela
Guidon — William P. Leavenworth



CHARLIE COMPANY



Company Commander — B. Michael Eaton
Executive Officer — Bryant B. Street
Second Lieutenant — Dwight S. Weirich
Second Lieutenant — Mark P. Lowe
Second Lieutenant — Anthony Pileggi
Second Lieutenant — L. Raymond Schaper
First Sergeant — Howard D. Lucas
Master Sergeant — Henry J. Rogers
Guidon — William B. McCampbell, Jr.



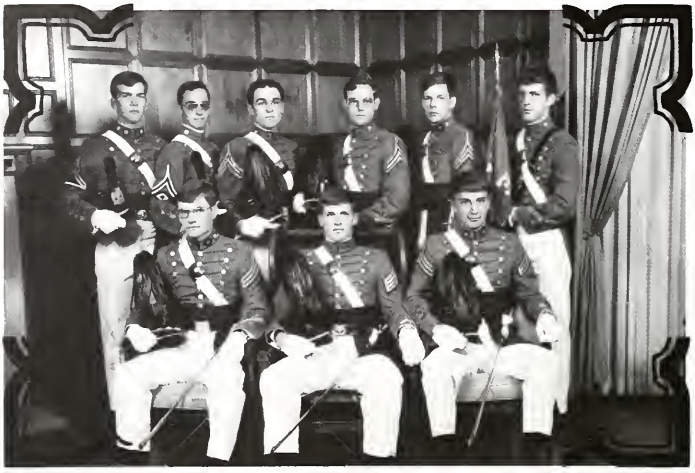
DELTA COMPANY



Company Commander — Paul T. Freeland
Executive Officer — J. Gary Braswell
Second Lieutenant — Mark A. Engle
Second Lieutenant — John H. Tucker
Second Lieutenant — Frederick W. Sherman, Jr.
Second Lieutenant — Gregory A. Beck
First Sergeant — Kon Y. Shin
Master Sergeant — Edward L. Buck
Guidon — James E. Mackin



ECHO COMPANY



Company Commander — Robert W. Brown
Executive Officer — Frank W. Fountain
Second Lieutenant — James D. Cure
Second Lieutenant — Stephen C. Craig
Second Lieutenant — Paul E. Campbell
Second Lieutenant — David M. Colonna
First Sergeant — Pedro Alvarez
Master Sergeant — Robert L. Norris
Guidon — Paul W. Kenney



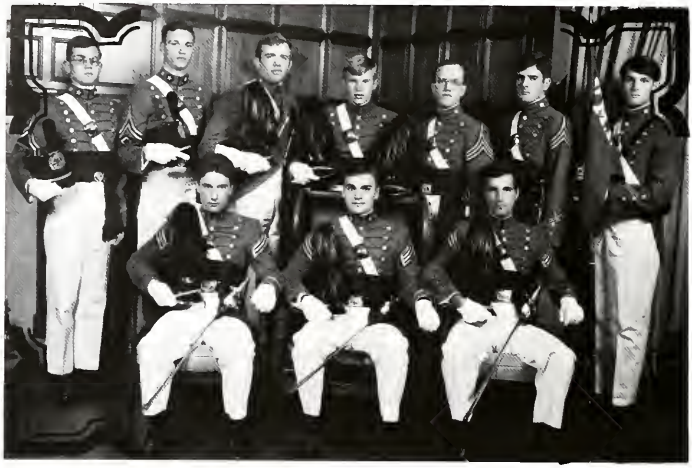
FOXTROT COMPANY



Company Commander — Brian F. Peterson
Executive Officer — John F. Roser, Jr.
Second Lieutenant — Bont F. Tulbert
Second Lieutenant — Garrison C. Brumback
Second Lieutenant — Glen N. Jones
Second Lieutenant — Robert M. Johann
First Sergeant — William P. Hamlin
Master Sergeant — John A. Brown
Guidon — Geoffrey L. Henry

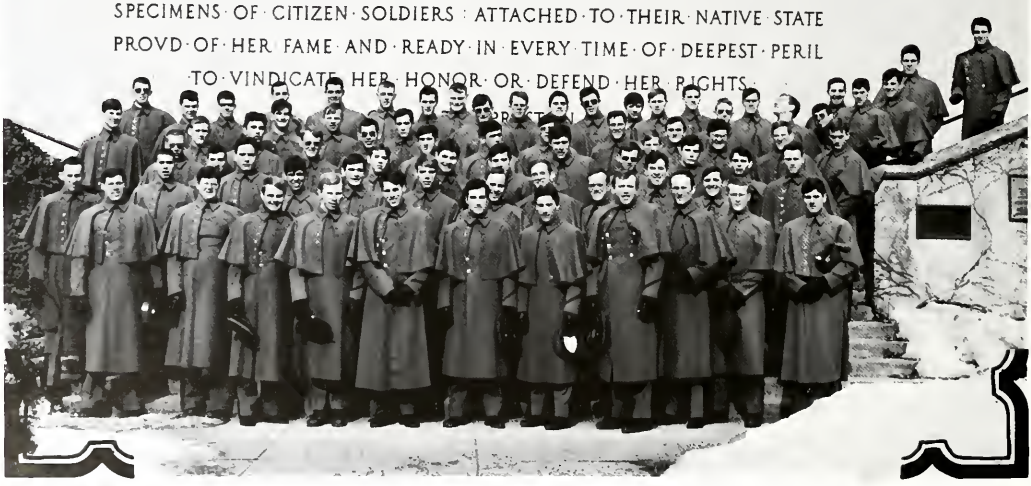


BAND COMPANY



Company Commander — Gregory A. Gearhart
Executive Officer — David E. Lucado
Second Lieutenant — Patrick M. Wilson
Second Lieutenant — Kenneth R. Singleton
Second Lieutenant — Vagel C. Keller
Second Lieutenant — Michael H. Oelrich
Drum Major — David G. Wrenn
First Sergeant — Nicholas C. Kepf
Master Sergeant — Jamie L. Smith
Guidon — Thomas J. Stevens, II

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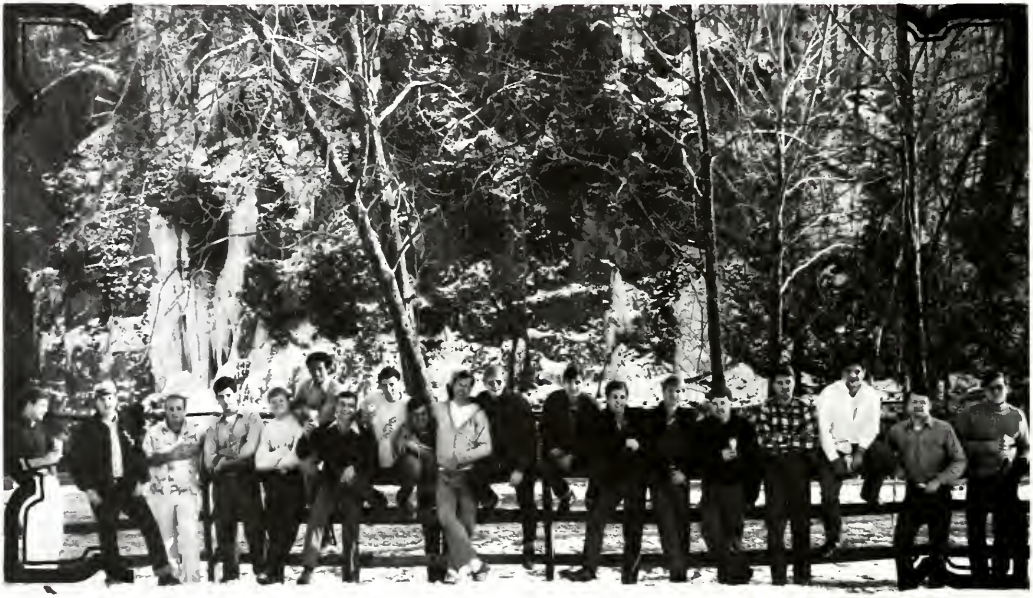


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Who's Who



Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges

This year twenty eight members of the First Class have been honored by being chosen to represent the Virginia Military Institute in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These men were selected by a board of representatives composed of faculty members and the Corps of Cadets for having demonstrated their leadership and excellence in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, citizenship, and service to the Institute. These men are: Richard Bartosik, Gregory Beck, John Bowman, Gary Braswell, Michael Braunstein, Ronald Carter, David Colonna, Peter Dillon, Frank Fountain, Gregory Gearhart, David Gray, Robert Johann, Robert Kirby, James Leech, David Lucado, Harry McClellan, Allen Moore, Bruce Morris, Scot Putney, Thomas Reeder, Ned Reister, David Ring, Robert Rockefeller, Ray Schaper, Brion Smith, Bryant Street, Daniel Thornton, Craig Wallen. They are VMI's best and their Brother Rats salute them.



IN MEMORIAM

In the spring of 1977, the Corps of Cadets lost five of their most beloved brothers, due to pointless accidents.

In April, Mike Burch drowned during a swimming class. This was the first cadet death the Corps had experienced since the summer of '73. We mourned Mike's death, for we loved him as a brother.

Then, in the beginning of May, four more cadets were killed in a tragic car accident outside of Lexington. Those who died were Kerry Keach, a senior and company commander, Robert Shelly, Pete Barrow, and Mike Collier, who were all fourth classmen. This lamentable occurrance threw the Corps into a state of shock. The Corps couldn't understand why something so horrible could happen again. They were loved eversomuch by everyone.

These five cadets will live in the minds of all who knew them. We miss them and we will forever mourn their deaths.

IN MEMORIAN

The Corps of Cadets were not only the survivors of the deaths of five of their fellow cadets, but were again in the sad and tragic situation of surviving three more deaths of members of the Institute.

Lt. Col. Gee, a professor in the electrical engineering department died a horrible death in Jan. 1977 from cancer. This loss was a great blow to the cadets.

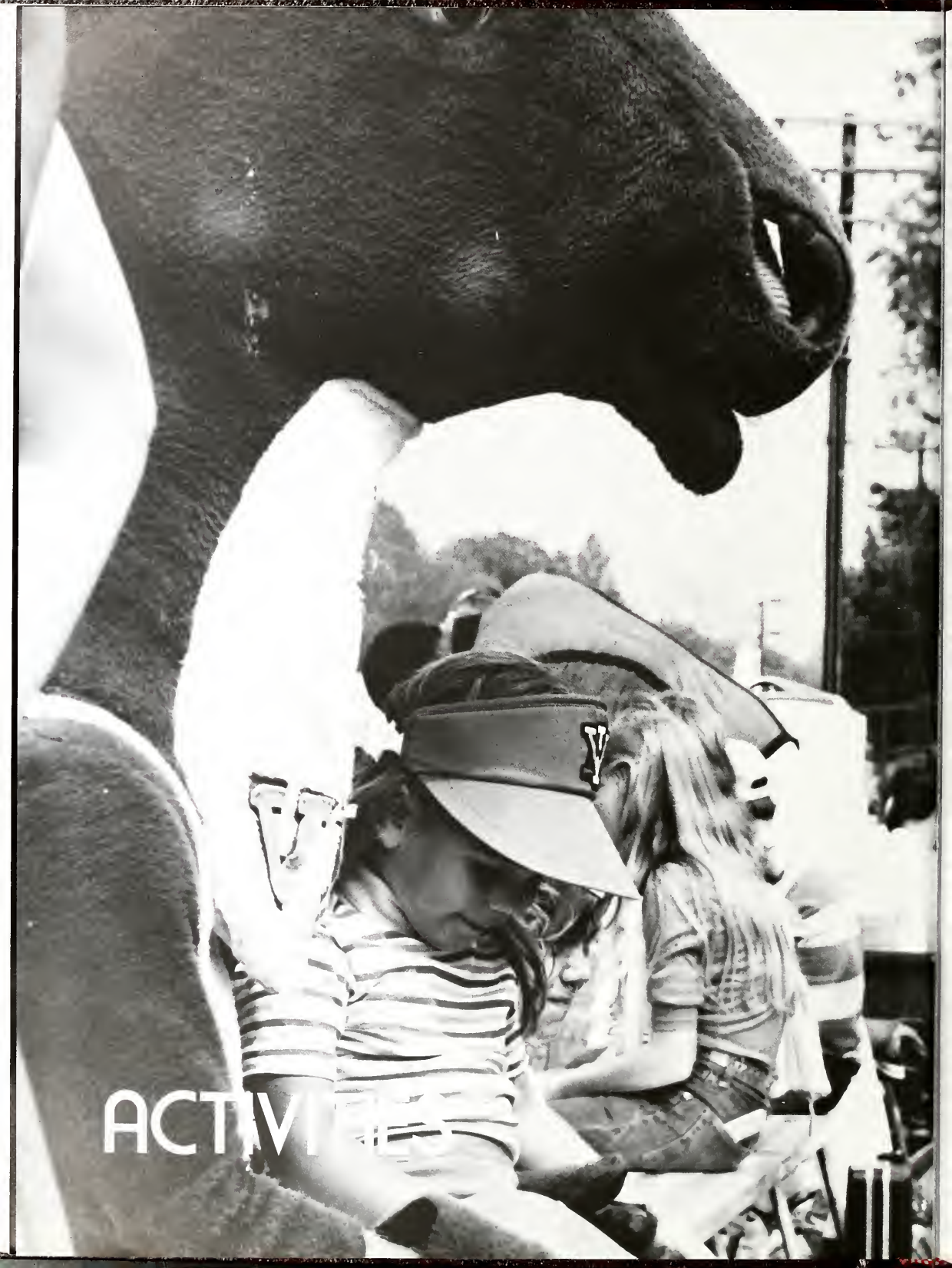
Then, in the summer of 1977, Colonel Smart, head of the chemistry department, died by cardiac arrest. The Corps was devastated.

During the first semester of 1977, Mrs. Miller, an employee of the Post Exchange for many years died while working one evening. Again the Corps lost a close and loving friend.

The Corps couldn't believe that within the period of one year, eight individuals had passed away. The Corps of Cadets will never recover from this tragedy.

The Corps is, to say the least, at a loss.

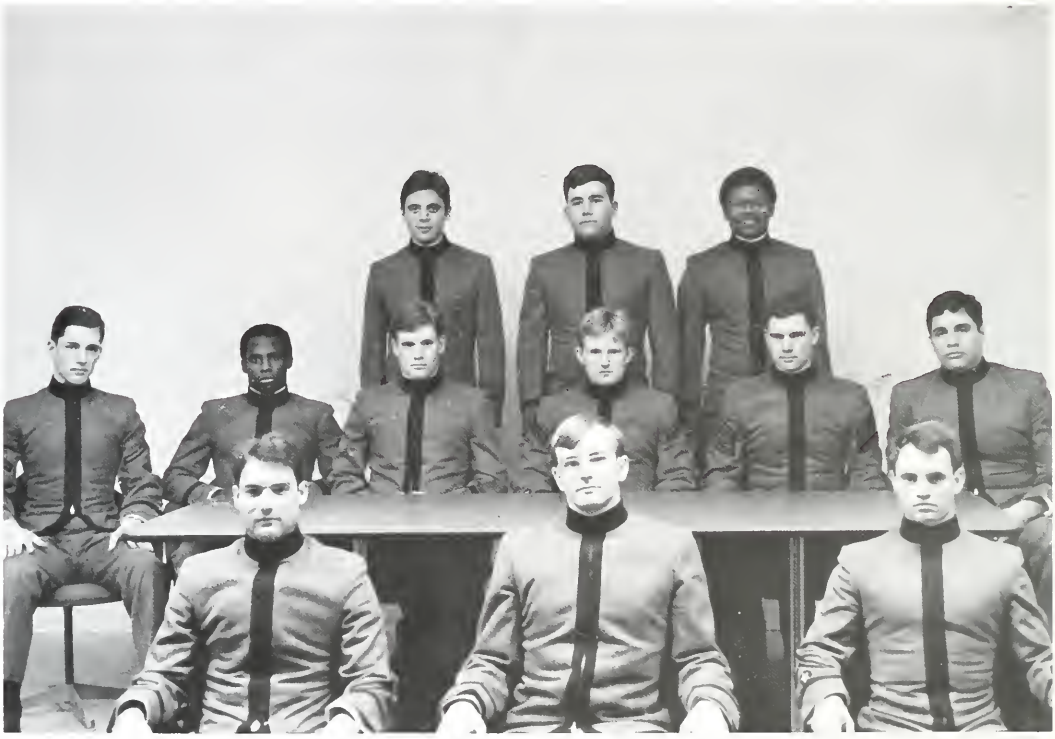



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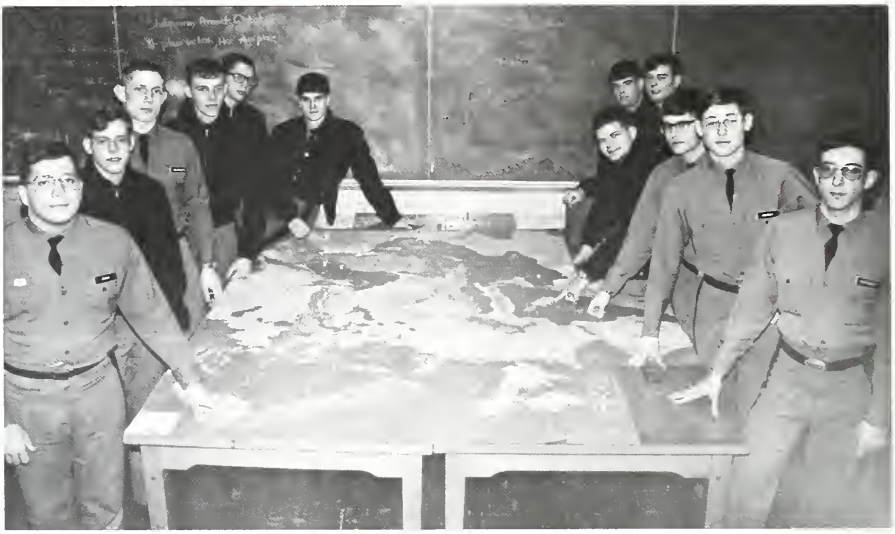
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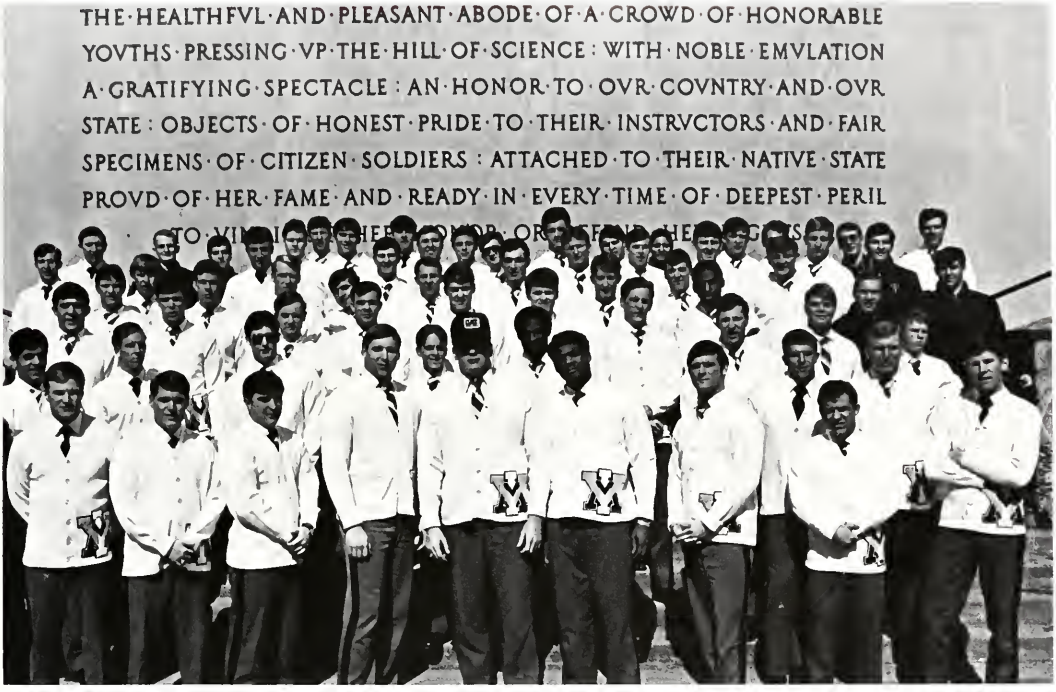


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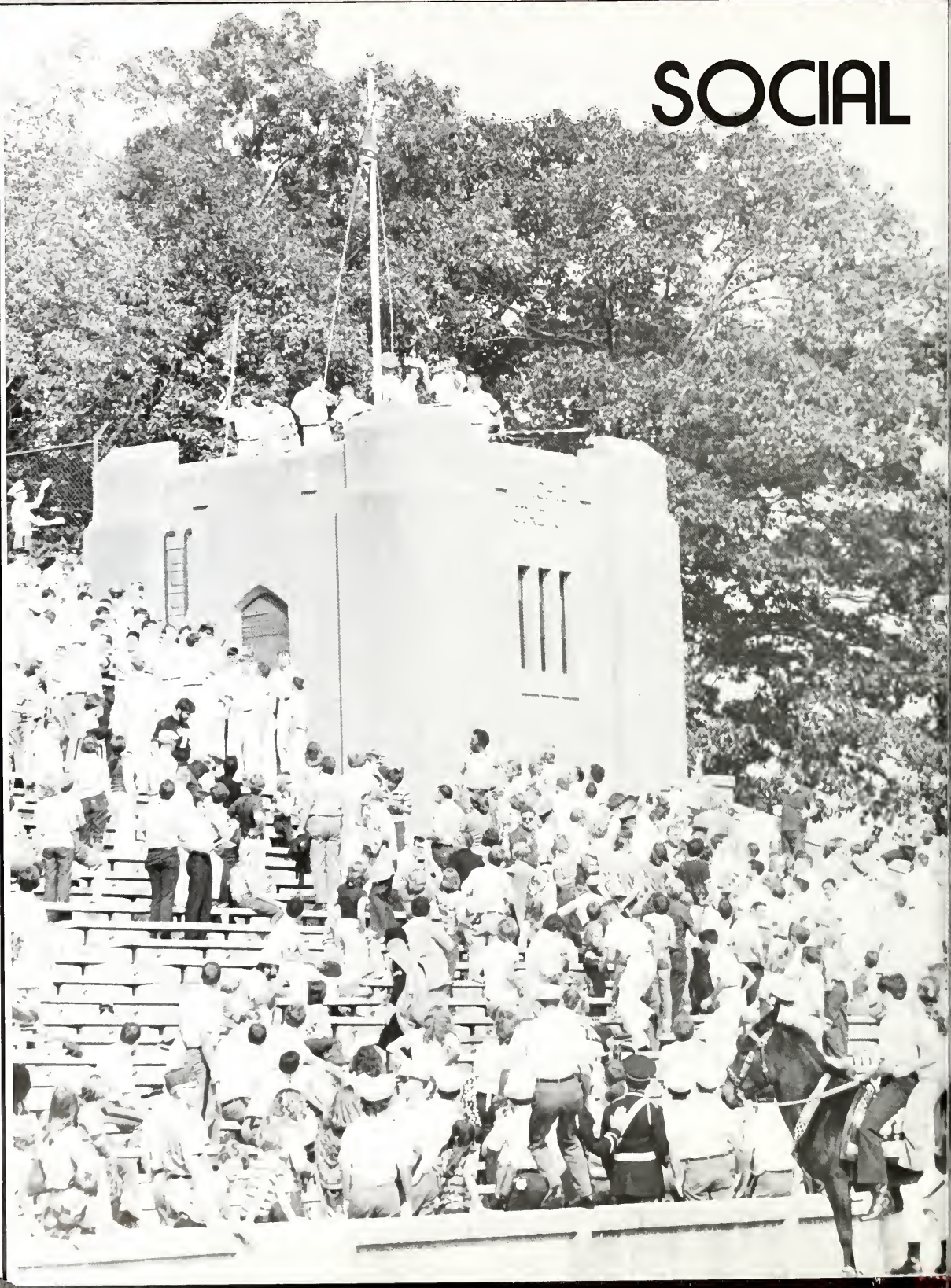
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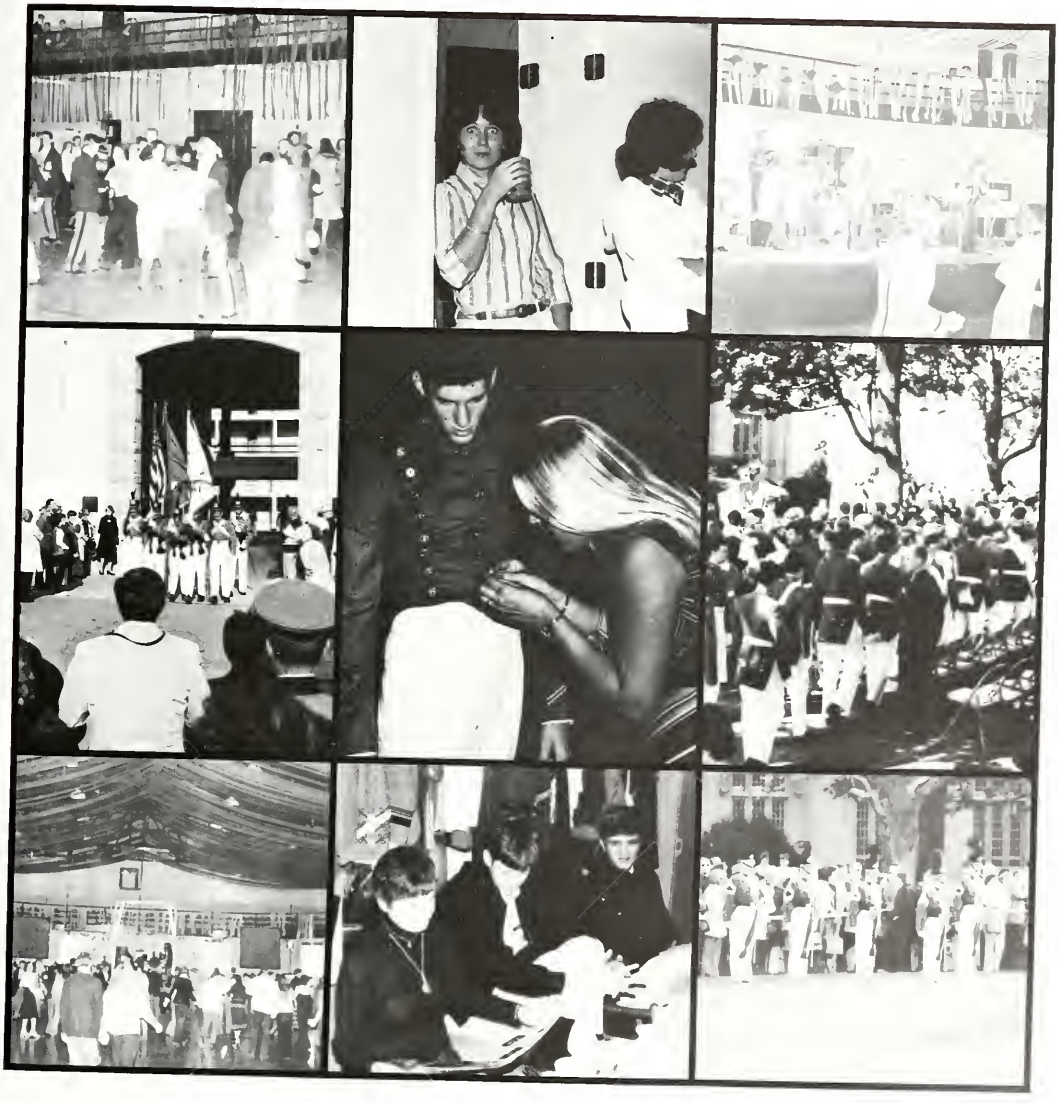


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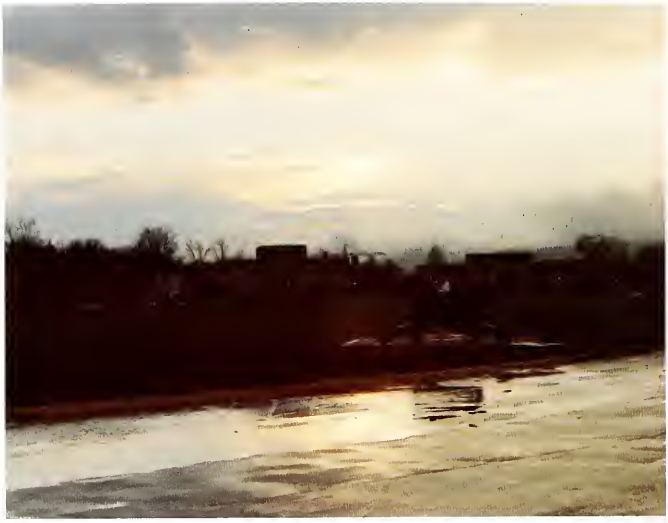


















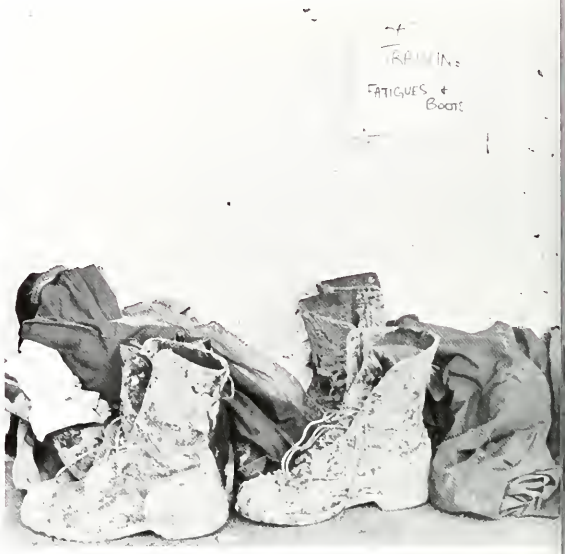





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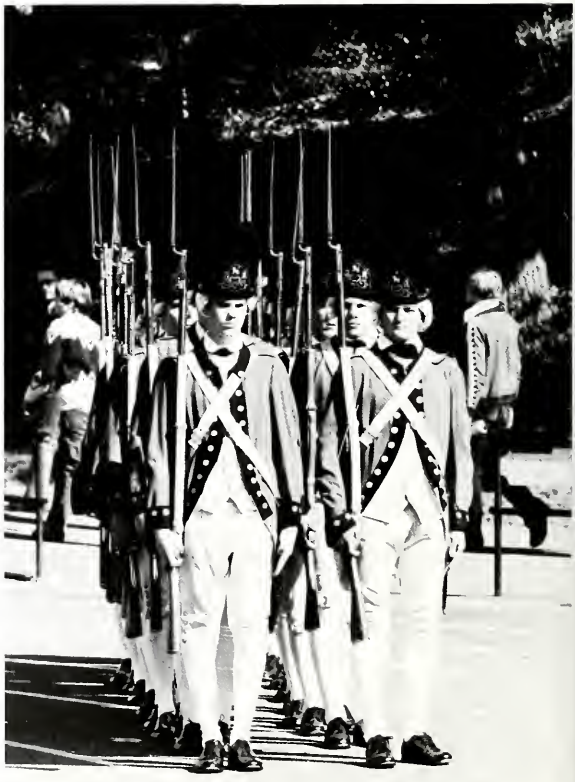


















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RING FIGURE '79

At 1:15 on the 18th of November 1977, the Class of 1979 was presented with their rings. This occasion marked the beginning of Ring Figure Weekend for '79. The class had picked Colonel Buchanan to be the presentation speaker for the ceremony that took place in J.M. Hall. During the ceremony, Mike Mendez was named as the recipient of the Douglas Carter France Award, and Dr. Monsour was presented with a ring and named as an honorary Brother Rat of the Class of 1979.









The usual Friday afternoon parade was run entirely by the Second Class. They made up the different staff positions and conducted the parade with the usual precision.

That evening the official Ring Figure was made by the Class in Cocke Hall. The evening consisted of the cadet and his date being introduced to the Superintendent, faculty, family, and friends of the Institute. That night the Royal Kings, a disco band from Roanoke, filled Cocke Hall with tunes.

On Saturday, the football team defeated Rhode Island on the gridiron by a score of 20-7. After the game the Seconds moved the party from Lexington down to Hotel Roanoke. The activities for Saturday night consisted of a semi-formal dinner dance and numerous parties afterwards. This weekend will long be remembered by all the Seconds as one of the highlights of their VMI cadetship.



























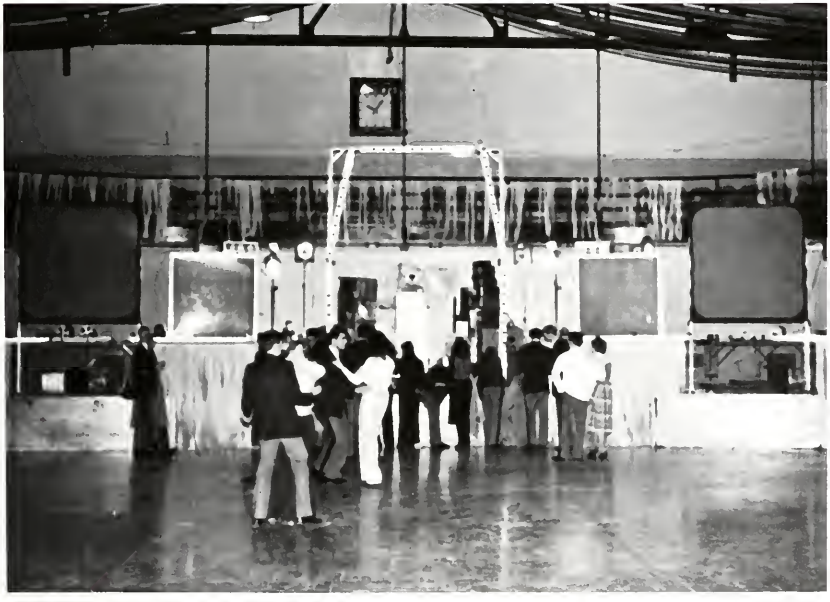












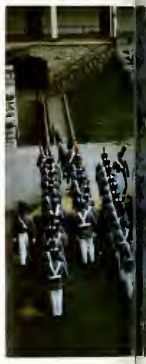
U.S.M.A.





During the week before the VMI-USMA football game, comparisons were drawn between "The West Point of the South" and "The V.M.I. of the North." However, the United States Military Academy and the Virginia Military Institute are two military colleges with distinctly different objectives. One is given the mission of producing professional officers, while the other produces the citizen-soldier. These differences can be seen in viewing the academic phases of these schools. West Point graduates are given a B.S. degree in Military Science, while the V.M.I. graduate can major in any one of ten different curricula. The U.S.M.A. degree prepares its recipients to be career officers. The West Point curriculum does not concentrate in any one field, but gives its cadets courses in varied subjects. The V.M.I. diploma, however, is proof that a V.M.I. cadet has been fully accredited with four years of study in a field of his choice which he will most likely pursue in the civilian world. While he is also given training in military life, it is accepted that he will serve after graduation for a short time before getting a job and making a living; being ready in "time of deepest peril" to be called into the ranks to defend the United States. It can be debated which of these systems is more effective. Maybe the U.S. military establishment can do without one of these systems. Maybe it cannot survive without both of them. Let us hope, for the sake of both schools, we will never find out.





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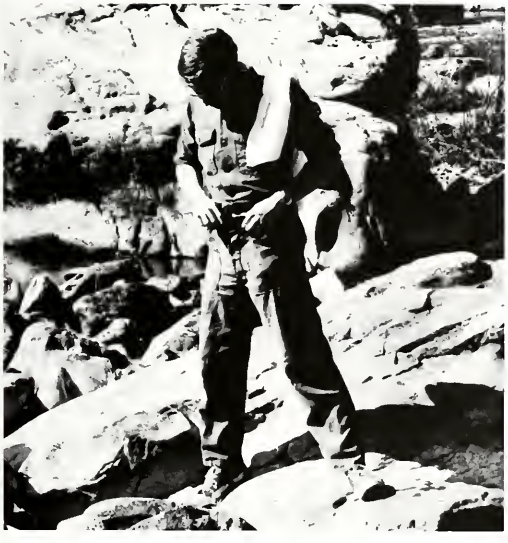


There are several scenic areas around V.M.I. which are used for rest areas and picnicking areas. Two of those in particular are Goshen Pass and Twin Falls. Goshen, besides being a beautiful outing area is a tremendous partying spot for V.M.I. cadets and their friends.

Twin Falls is a beautiful and unique spot where cadets make use of their cliff-diving talents. It also offers abundant shaded areas where people can sit - relax - and generally enjoy themselves

These two places, from cadets' points of view, are the closest things to heaven in the immediate area. And for those who happen to be passing by either Goshen or Twin Falls just stop by - because all are welcome to enjoy the festivities that take place here.























Goshen















On the eleventh of September 1977 the class of 1978 lost a close and prized possession — *The Barracks fire-hydrant.* This wonderful ornament was a very personal friend of every first class that was fortunate enough to own it. But the class of 1978 used this hydrant in the first three weeks of school more than the other classes combined. The administration



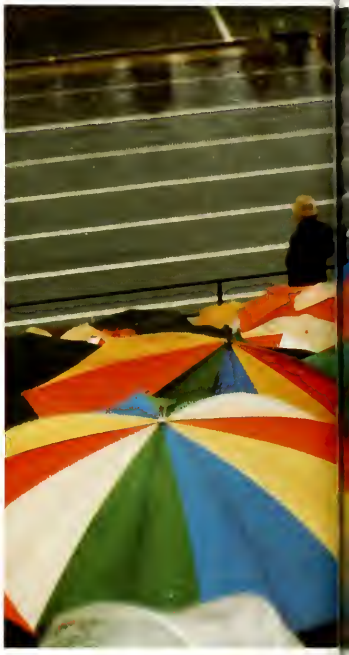


removed our beloved friend in order to save the foundation on which barracks is built. The class of 1978 would like to dedicate these two pages to its now non-existant friend. When the class of 1978 looks back at its first class year in years to come, our memories will gush into the past as the hydrant gushed water into the court yard.

















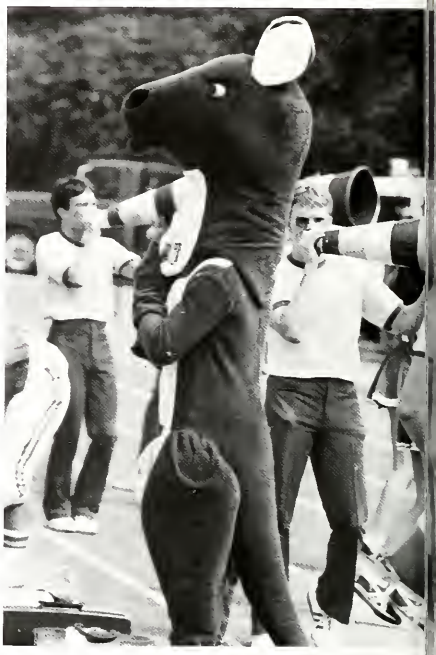

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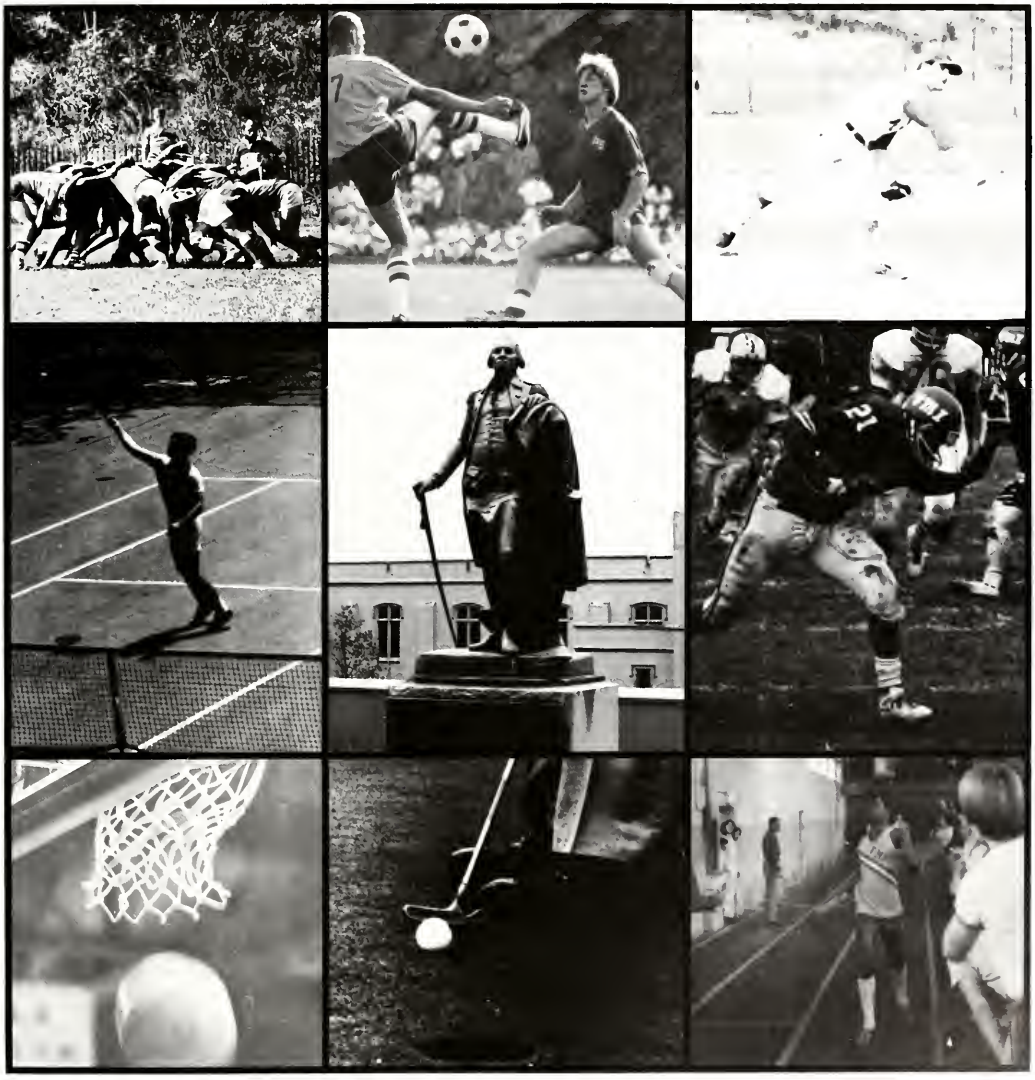






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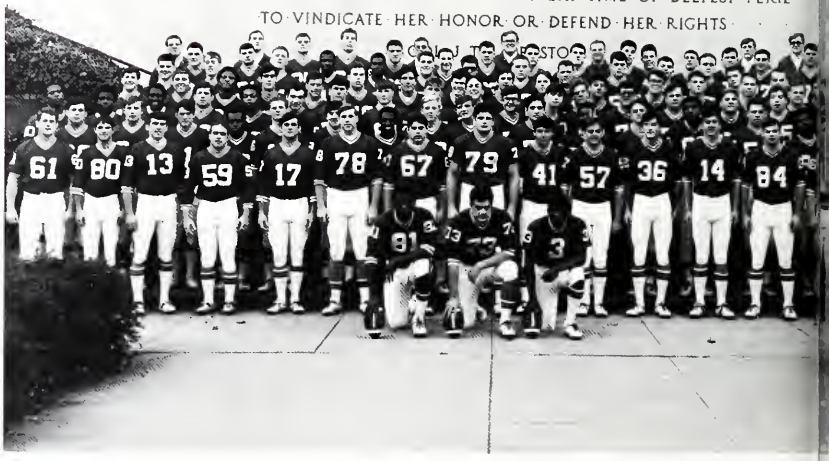


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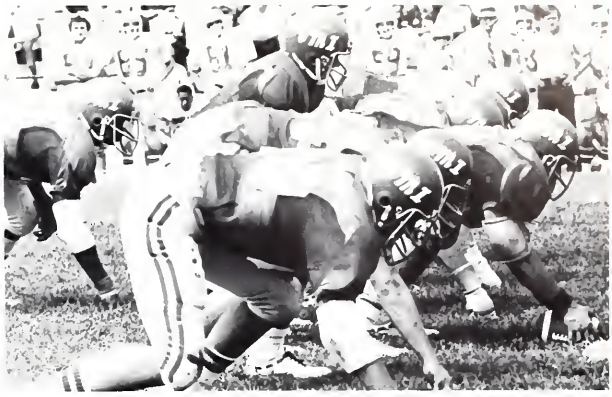
The powerful Keydet football team took the field this season with intent to destroy. They succeeded as they abused and demoralized many an opponent on their way to not only the co-championship in the Southern Conference but also the Big 5 title in the state of Virginia.

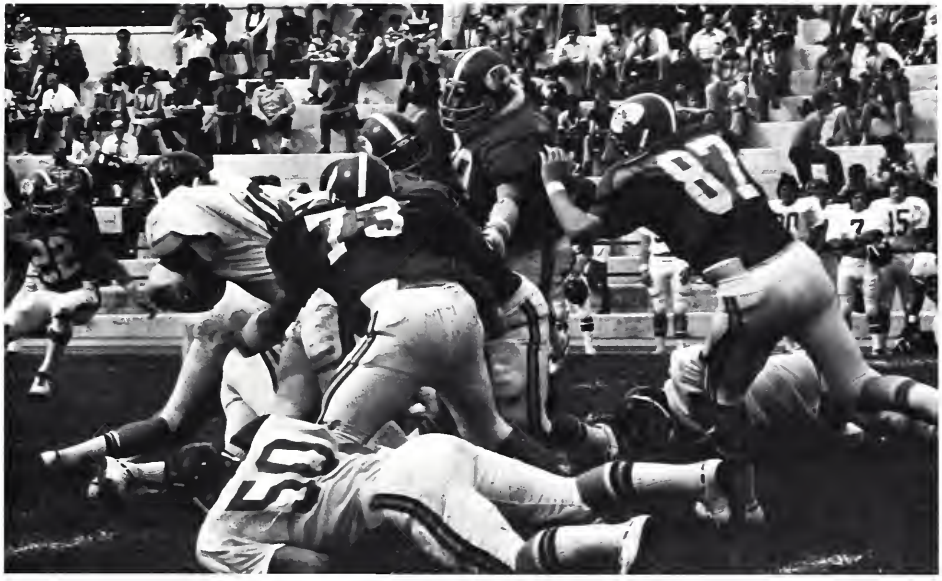
The support of the fans has always helped put points on the board and this season was no exception. The "Flying Squadron" powered their way to an impressive 7-4 season. The exceptions were few and far between as the Keydets fought their way to their best record since 1974.

The Big Red Team kicked off the season with their first game of the season at home against William and Mary. The team handily pushed the Indians around the field. The highlight of the game had to be Craig Jones nailing down five field goals, tying several field goal records.

The next game of the season was against Army and this game was probably the most emotional of the season. About 700 cadets made the trip up to West Point to watch the game. There are no words to describe the Corp's rowdiness. The game opened up with Army taking a commanding lead. The game was relatively boring, until the 4th quarter when the Keydets, led by substitute quarterback Larry Hupertz, tied the game at 14 all. Then came the most controversial call of the game: Gary McNeal was









called for pass interference against an Army receiver and was subsequently ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. Army went on to score two more touchdowns and win the ball game. In the midst of the activity on the field, the Corps was also contributing to the festivities with the ceremonial raising of the Confederate flag much to the despair of the onlooking and helpless West Point athletic supporters.

The Big Red travelled to E.C.U. with fire in their eyes but were once again disappointed in a close battle, 14-13. This game was a close contest until the end when E.C.U. staged a terrific comeback to slip by the Keydets.

The next week brought the Keydet team back to Virginia to meet an unpredictable U.Va. team. The Keydets proved too much as brilliant performances were turned in by Andre Gibson, Steve Oddi and Craig Jones. The Wahoos couldn't control the strong Red defense which spent more time in the U.Va. backfield than did their own offense. Robby Clark showed his expertise as he threw for 152 yards, hitting 6 for 9 with bombs to Johnny Garnett, Gibson and Freeman. The "Flying Squadron" held on and won 30-6.

V.M.I., in their homecoming game, attacked the University of Richmond Spiders to shed a six year stigma and destroy the Spiders 25-0. 62 V.M.I. players saw action in which the









Keydets dominated the entire ball game. Steve Oddi, Andre Gibson, and Robby Clarke all scored touchdowns enroute to this 25-0 rout.

The next week brought happiness to the Keydets as they held on to the coveted "Silver Shako" and won the Military Classic of the South as V.M.I beat the Citadel 19-3 and impressed the family as it was also Parents Weekend.

V.M.I. went north to meet Lehigh but found them too tough to handle and were handed another loss, 30-20. The Engineers had a tremendous quarterback. The Keydet defense had met its match.

Passing seemed to be a weakness found by only a few teams - Army, Lehigh, E.C.U., and Tech.

Davidson brought one of the weakest teams seen by V.M.I. this season into Alumni Field and were treated thusly by the V.M.I. squad, playing everyone that suited up in an easily won contest 21-0. All 21 points were scored during the first quarter. The team got much needed experience as they destroyed the Wildcats.

To attain the co-championship status the Keydet Football team had to beat Furman. They did so in an extremely close contest pulling it out with only a few minutes left in the game. This 31-28 victory gave the V.M.I. team and Coach Thalman their second Southern Con-





ference title in four years. Steve Oddi, Andre Gibson and Robby Clarke turned in yet another great performance enroute to this fantastic win. Furman pulled within three points 24-21 but the offense got it cranked up and Robby Clark hit Johnny Garnett for the fatal blow to Furman and the Pirates couldn't come back.

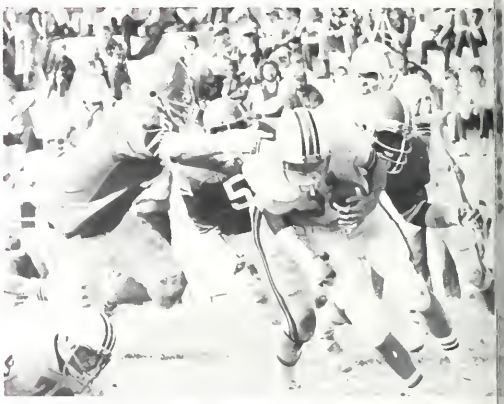
At 6-3 the Keydets were host to Rhode Island. In the midst of Ring Figure '79 festivities the football team was no disappointment as they ran rampant against the Rams on the way to a 20-7 victory.

The day was cold with a wind chill factor of 30 below zero the Big Red Machine was frozen as Tech delivered them an emotional loss of 27-7. Three early turnovers allowed Tech to spring to a 21-0 lead at the half and we were never able to come back. As is V.M.I. tradition, nobody said die and Robby Clarke completed four passes enroute to the V.P.I. 27, but time ran out and so did the season for V.M.I.

The loss of Andre Gibson, Steve Oddi, Ned Stepanovich, Glen Jones, Dutch Goddard, Greg Arnett and Tom Replogle will prove tough for V.M.I. to recover from but Coach Thalman has come back before and should do so again. Many new faces of talented stars give the future a bit of light. All-America status was achieved by Ned Stepanovich and Southern Conference All Star status was given to Glen.




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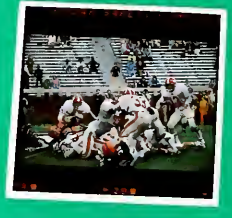
























Soccer Team





The Varsity Soccer team finished with an overall record of 7-8, the best record ever. The Keydets, coached by Col. Jay Scully and Capt. Doug Duncan, showed greatly improved skills and loads of determination during a season which matched them against such Southern and National powers as UVa., Madison, and Appalachian State.

Led by tri-captains John Woodward, Bob Johann and John Bowman, the booters were invited to play in the Harbor Front Classic at Old Dominion University where they were exposed to some very good soccer. The season was highlighted by a close home game against nationally ranked Appalachian State. The Keydets played exceptionally fine ball, with the Mountaineers winning goal coming in the final minutes of the game. The Soccer team consequently finished up with 2nd place in the Southern Conference standings.



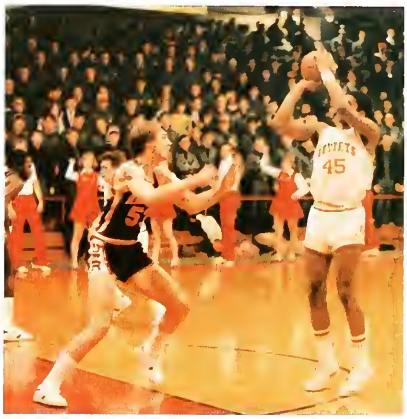


Freshman Marc Deschambault and 3rd classman Hamid Saharkhiz provided the scoring punch for the team while Bob Johann and John Bowman held down the midfield. Fullback John Woodward and freshman goalie Gary Morgan anchored the "T.C.B." defense. Gary Morgan and Marc Deschambault, John Woodward, Reg Ridgely and Hamid Saharkhiz received All Southern Conference honors for their season efforts.

The '77 edition of VMI Soccer was a young team composed of many freshman who gained valuable experience for coming years. The Soccer team showed great improvement and a lot of heart in a season which proved its place among VMI athletics.



Basketball Team









The season began with the Keydets matched up against Roanoke College in the Virginia Tip-Off Tourney. The badly outmanned Maroons fought gamely by attempting to slow down the pace, but in the end the Keydets prevailed, 64-50. The win put the Keydets in the finals of the tournament against the University of Virginia. This time the tables were turned, with the Keydets being the underdogs. In a hard-fought game, the Keydets lost 90-70, but the game was much closer than the final score indicated.

The Keydets then returned home and defeated Liberty Baptist and Alderson-Broaddus handily. This led to the Keydets first conference game against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. UT-C was the defending NCAA division II national champion, and came to Lexington looking to establish their name against a proven division I champion, but on this night the Keydets were not to be denied. Led by Ron Carter's 31 points and 10 rebounds,











the Keydets defeated UT-C 81-72. The next game was against Madison University, with whom a fierce rivalry has grown in the past few years. The Keydets rose to the occasion for this game, blitzing the Dukes 86-68. It was also a very encouraging game, as freshman Dennis Johnson and John Goode, along with Carter, led the scoring parade. The Keydets then ventured to Appalachian State, but were defeated 92-77.

After a two-week layoff for exams and Christmas, the Keydets returned to action in the Toledo Holiday Tournament. The Keydets played sluggishly, and lost games to a powerful Toledo team and Long Beach State. After a momentous party at Ron Carter's house in Pittsburgh on New Year's Eve, the team journeyed to Sienna, N.Y., for the Sienna Tournament. Here, the Keydets defeated Cleveland State and Sienna to win the tournament, with Ron Carter being named MVP and Dave Montgomery also making the All-Tournament Team.

The Keydets then returned to Lexington long enough to knock off Central Wesleyan before journeying to Furman. In this game, the Paladins avenged the drubbing the Keydets had administered to them the previous season by defeat-





ing V.M.I. 102-79. The Keydets rebounded, however, to defeat Western Carolina at Cullowee, N.C. by the score of 77-68.

Next, the Keydets took on Marshall, defeating them 79-71. Carter again led the scoring with 27 points, and Jeryl Salmond broke out of a mild slump with 18. Another home game followed against Salem, and the Keydets winning ways in the "Pit" continued, defeating Salem 84-70.

This left the Keydets facing another week on the road, which resulted in probably the most successful road trip ever undertaken by a Keydet team. The first game against Davidson was called by Coach Schmaus the finest performance by a Keydet team in his many years of association with the team. Carter's play was flawless, making 12 of 15 attempted field goals on his way to a 34 point performance. Montgomery hauled in 19 rebounds and completely dominated the post area. But the real story was the defensive gem turned in by fiery Kelly Lombard against Wildcat ace John Gerdy. Gerdy's shooting touch has been compared to that of Jerry West and his 28 point a game clip was leading the Southern Conference. However, Lombard simply did not



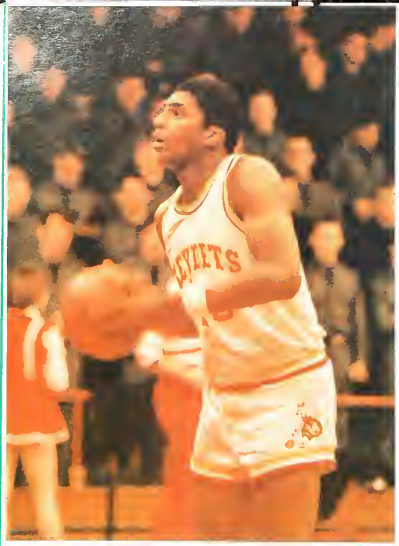




allow Gerdy to touch the ball, holding him to 15 meaningless points. The Keydets then defeated state rival Old Dominion 69-60 and the Citadel 79-61 to close out the week of success.

Next the team traveled to the Hampton Coliseum to face William and Mary in what turned out to be a thriller with V.M.I. eeking by the Indians 60-59. The season was capped off with the final regular season game back in the "Pit" against Appalachian State. It was only fitting that in Ron Carter's, Dave Montgomery's, and Pat Kelley's final home game as V.M.I. basketball players, the team should avenge their earlier loss to Appalachian State, which they did 77-70.

This year's team was not expected to play in the manner in which it did, and it was through hard work and pride that it achieved its high standing. There were several times during the season when the team could have folded, but they stuck together, exhibiting the guts and determination so characteristic of all V.M.I. athletic teams. The team would like to thank its manager, Burley Byrd, who stuck with us all the way, absorbing an almost unbearable amount of ribbing with his usual goodnature. The team would also like to extend a special thanks to Coaches Schmaus, Gillen, and Ayers and their families, who never failed us when we needed them most.





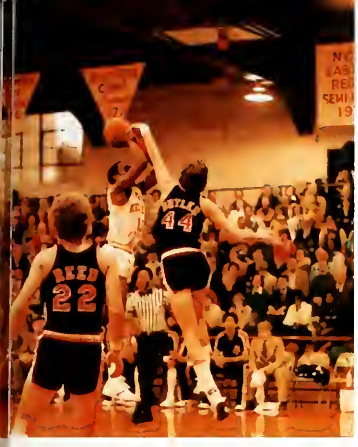









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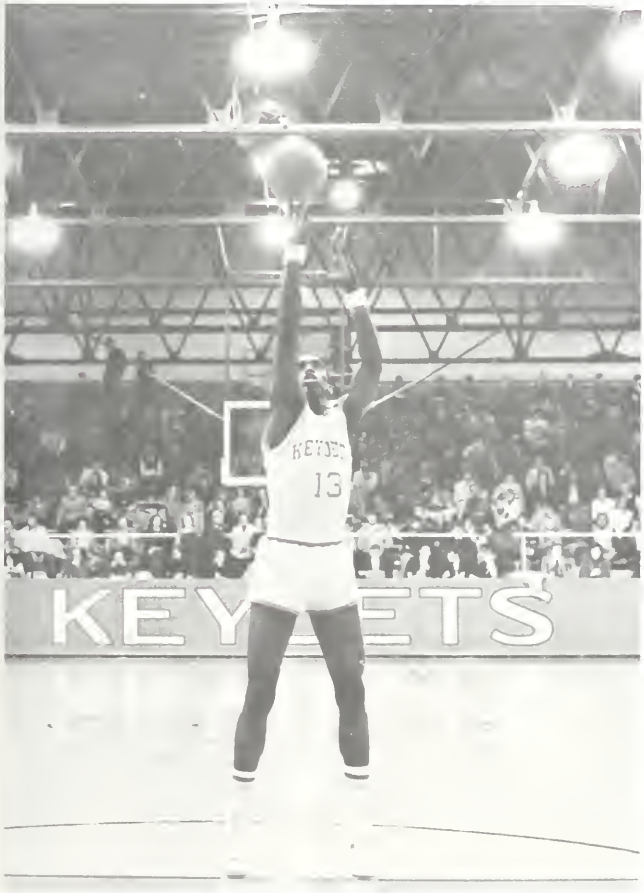










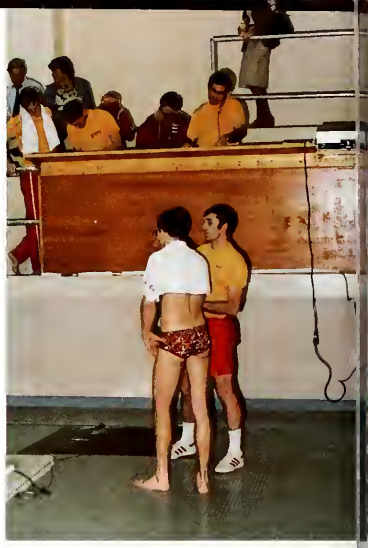

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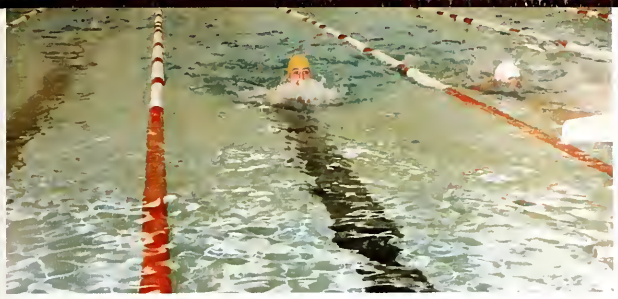




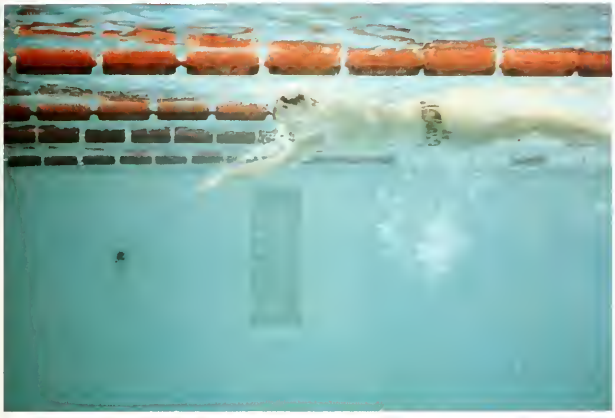
Swimming in '78 was a promising year for the Keydets and Coach Arnold Joyce. After graduating two top seniors, both divers, and recovering from a season where the lack of depth was an overburdening factor in several previous losses, the swim team was forced to rebuild through a hopeful recruitment program, a lot of hard work at practices and a lot of encouragement by the might water wizard himself, Coach Joyce.

The team was fortunate to have several outstanding Rats swimming this season. Mike Sanders has done exceptionally well in the 200 yard breast stroke, as has Eliot (Killer) Williams. Ted Sweetland has done very well in the 200 yard Individual Medley and 100 yard Freestyle. Kirk Cambell is expected to continue to improve in the 200 yard Butterfly and Harry More and Jim (Mad Stork) Hart are expected to set the pace in the Freestyle events.

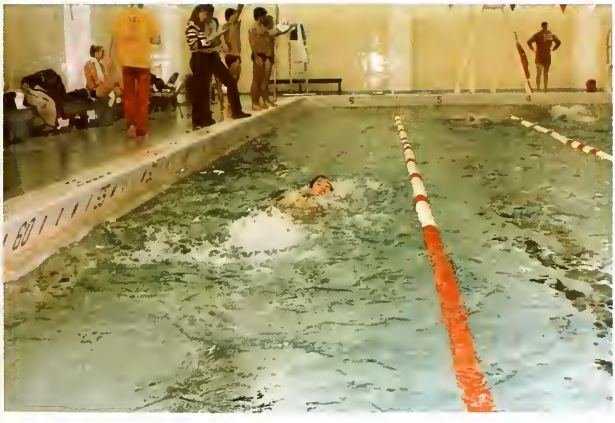
Ed Boylan has done an exceptional job diving, as this is his first year in this event. Third classman Ricky Penn is doing well in the 200 yard Individual Medley and is extending his range to Butterfly and Backstroke also. Josh











Priest, John Blankenship, and second classman Tom White, Freestyle sprinters, are continuing to improve also.

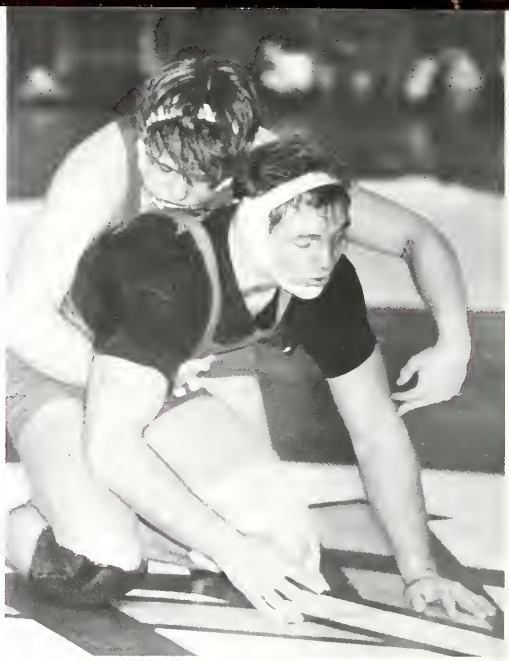
Second classman Bill Albro has done very well this year in the distance events. This has been Albro's best season. Dan Sheahan did fairly well this season in the Freestyle-mid distance events and is now extending his efforts to diving and doing a very good job.

First classman on the team were Tom (Easy Bear) Brown, Robert Parker, and Co-Captains Nelson Curtis and Joe Cafarella. Brown has continued to improve his times in the Breaststroke over the years and had his best season this year.

Four year Letterman and sprinting star Joe Cafarella has received top rating on the team this year. Joe set a new state record in the 50 yard Freestyle of 21.4 seconds, and has set a new personal record of the least number of defeats in an individual event. Joe is expected to take first place in the Conference and the State in the 50 yard Freestyle and near first in the 100 yard Freestyle.



Wrestling Team





Coach Oscar Gupton's 1977-78 wrestling team is in a rebuilding season. The defending Southern Coach of the Year has found his team hampered by several key injuries. Two returning starters from last year's team, Ist classmen Bill Pearson (177lbs.) and two time Southern Conference Champion Ned Stepanovich (Unlimited) are unable to wrestle this year due to knee injuries. Another returning starter, Terry Hall (158) has dislocated an elbow in the early season and will not be able to wrestle. Also, returning letterman Ken Ciaroca (167) suffered an arm injury that will keep him out of competition.





Only two returning starters are in this years line up. Both are 1977 3rd place finishers in the Southern Conference, Joe Jenkins (118, 126) and Kirk Latsha (142, 150). Other previous lettermen in the starting line up are Jay Virtue (142), Ken Baybutt (158), and Bob Longwell (190). Rats Randy Mouri (118) and Gordon Ivascu (Hwt.) have been doing an excellent job for the grapplers this year. Lamont Beckner and Craig Wilson are filling the (134) position while John Hall and Mark Brumenshenkel are handling (167) and (177). Also, freshman Phil Purdy will see action at (167).

The Keydets, presently 2-2-1, will try to stay healthy and take a strong team to the Southern conference tournament. in March at Appalachian State. The University of Tenn. at Chatanooga is expected to be the team to beat. This year's team Captains are 1st classman Bob Longwell and 2nd classman Kirk Latsha.



Fencing Team







Despite losing several key fencers to graduation, the 1977-78 Fencing Team faired very well in competition. Led by first classmen Steve Craig and Jack Wright the team improved upon last season with several impressive wins. Being very versatile in the use of the saber, the foil, and the epee, the team took on powerful





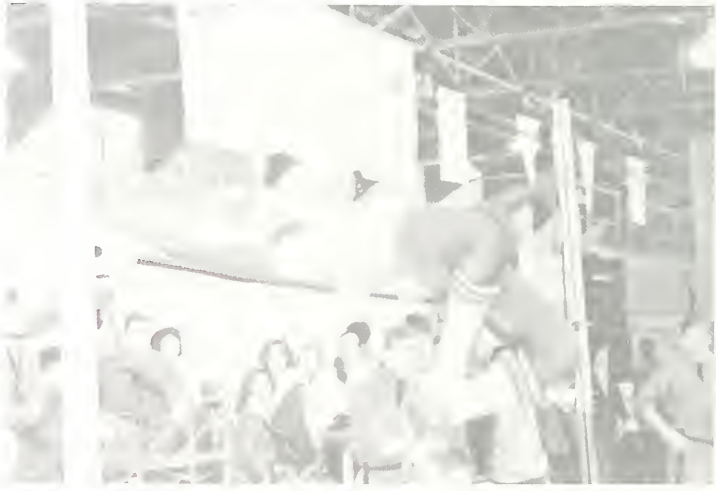


opponents such as U.Va, George Washington, and George Mason without hesitation. They met several Southern Conference opponents and defeated them with graceful ease. The 77-78 fencing team carried VMI's winning ways with them wherever they dueled.



Track Team





The track program at V.M.I. has improved tremendously in the last four years. With the coming of it's first scholarship athletes, Anthony Moore and Rex Wiggins in '75 and with the addition of a new coach, Wade Williams, replacing the great Coach Cormack, the track team has grown from losing a duel meet to Virginia Tech 141-7 in 1974 to top contenders in the state and the Southern Conference.

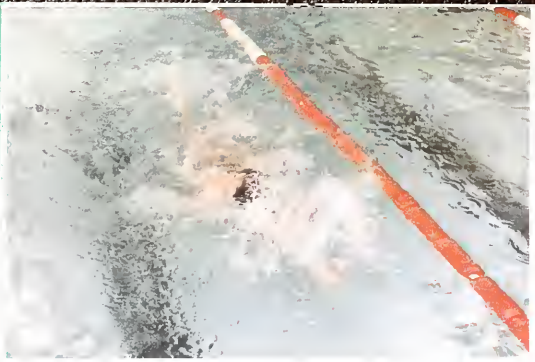
Coach Williams has built the program with his excellent recruiting and coaching, bringing such athletes as Malcom Grimes '79, Paul Perry '80, Jody Weatherwax '80, Eugene Scott '80, and many, many others. Not only has he brought good athletes into the program but he has encouraged and helped them to improve. Although his tactics have been questioned some, he has the respect of all his team which contributes to their winning ways. Coach Williams came to V.M.I. from Ferguson High School in Tidewater, Virginia where he was also a winner, but he has chosen to make Lexington his home and frequently journeys back to his Tidewater home to recruit, and to work out the team during Christmas Vacaion.

Members of the team have also contributed to V.M.I's winning way with such personel as



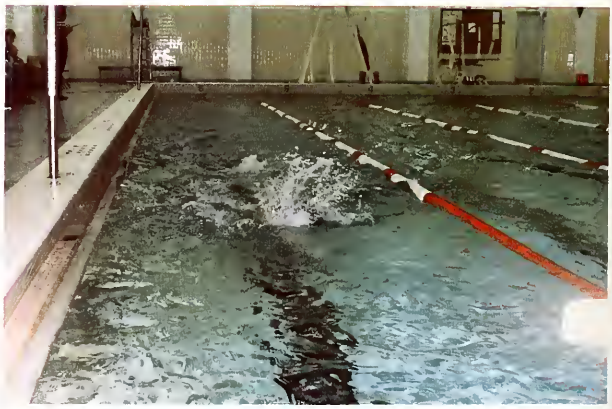


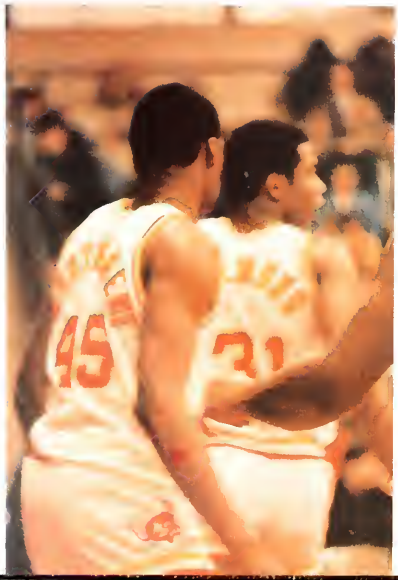
Rex Wiggins '78, also a product of Newport News who has added wins in the 1977 State meet in the two and three mile, numerous wins in the mile and a first place in the '77 Southern Conference Cross Country Meet. Rex has a personal best of 4:07 in the mile and has a great chance of breaking the 4:00 mark in '78. Malcom Grimes who has won almost every triple jump competition that he has entered unless he was beaten by teammate Paul Perry. Football star Andre Gibson has also leaped to three state and conference meet victories and has a personal best of 24'9". Gibson has also made his mark in the 60 yard dash where he and teammate Gary McNeal have both hit the 6.1 second mark. Tim Bridges has proved to be one of the states best high hurdles, and almost captured the title in the '77 indoor meet only to be frustrated when his pants caught one of the hurdles. Tim has been honored by being in the feature 60 yard hurdles at the East Coast Invitational meet where six of the top east coast performers competed. Anthony Moore has added his points in both championship and duel meets.




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Golf Team









This year's golf was led by seniors Steve Murray, Joe Brown and Brion Smith. The support of underclassmen Jeb and Doug Burton, Dave Taylor, Frank Bell and Bob Hillard creates a golfing potential that has not been reached in the sport's earlier years at V.M.I.

With the improved reputation, an increase in tournament invitations has also occurred. The '77-'78 schedule included the State Tournament at Hot Springs, the Southern Conference at Florence, S.C. and the Madison Invitational over Spring Break.

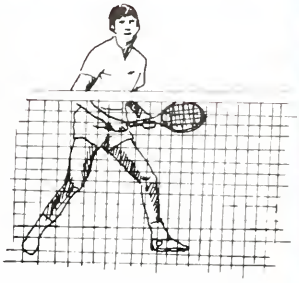
This larger number of tournaments permits V.M.I.'s "swingers" to compete with teams of national standing and go one-on-one with some of next year's tour players. It is to Coach Swink's credit and to those V.M.I. golfers, who practice in somewhat less than ideal golf weather this year, that the sport at V.M.I. has gained such well deserved recognition as a conference and state champion contender.

The success of the golf team is a remarkable accomplishment since V.M.I. competes against a host of scholarship strengthened teams. Hopefully, after this year, V.M.I. can attract its own stars, based on this teams hard earned record.









Tennis Team

Colonel Don Jamison excepts brighter things for VMI tennis in 1978. Though the team has not been terribly successful in recent years, the addition of some new talent makes the outlook alot more hopeful. Michael Colgan became VMI's first scholarship tennis player this August. Lou Darden and Jeff Hamilton are other hopefuls from the rat class. Lou didn't play in the fall because of football, but coach Jamison hopes to see him this Spring.

VMI will be returning several starters from last season. Among the returning are 3rd classman John Stallings, 2nd classman Ricky Pugh and Marc Withers, and 1st classman captain Chris Brock. Fred Floyd, a 2nd, who left VMI a year ago, has returned to help with the load also. Only time will tell for the Keydets in tennis, but the program is definitely off to a good start.



Rugby Club







Pete Dillon, Brad Baker, Tom Trumps Jay Kinnier Pete Van Hooser and Tim Ritzert were the only retutning veterans, leaving VMI Rugby in the depths of a rebuilding year. The line was totally rebuilt in preparation for the Spring Season.

Welcome additions to the new Rugby team were Ed Bower, Mike Witter, Joe Tulskie and Kerry Mullin. This line was to be the fastest line in VMI's history. The team was able to mix a fast line with a mobile and hard hitting scrum. This new team scored 134 points while allowing only 35. The scrum, remaining true to tradition, was awesome with the strenght of Chip Mahron, Steve Thompson, Jay Kinnier, Dale Drury and John Garrett shining through. Dan Kornacki at fullback backed up this grueling crew. The team showed power early with strong









victories over The Citadel, William and Mary, and University of Richmond, The team, however ran into a disappointing loss against George Mason. George Mason was not the only loss suffered by the Rugby team as they also lost the greatly needed talents of both Steve Werner and Steve Jackson. A misunderstanding almost caused a disbandment, but with that solved, the team presses on.

The Spring Season Hopes to bring tournaments to such areas as New Orleans, St. Louis, Virginia Beach and a highly sought after seat as #1 in the Virginia Collegiate Rugby Tournament. The disappointing 4th place finish in last years tourament left the team hungry for revenge. Look for the new and improved Rugby team on the comeback trail . . . On to New Orleans



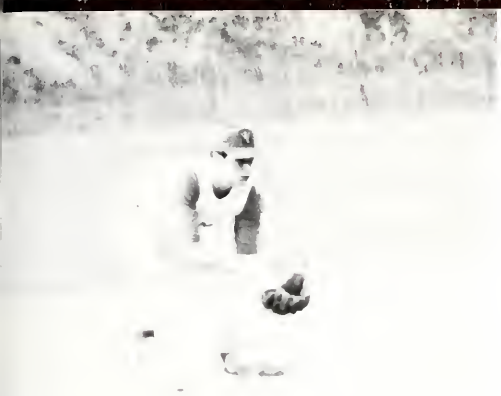
Baseball Team





The '78 baseball team will come to bat with one of the finest teams ever fielded by a V.M.I. baseball coach. Vernon Beitzel, the second year coach, will bring his bombers into a season destined to be overridden with victories as they have many of their strongest people coming back. Billy Hardy, Billy Young, Bob Henkel and Andy Andrews will take the field with the intent to stop opponents and, as they have done in the past, should do so with frequent success. Mike Vela, Craig Jones and "Hack" Hackemeyer will hold down the mound and try to eliminate most of the work for the infielders and outfielders. The outfield will be commanded by Chip Marohn, Jeff Yates and their supporters.

The seniors on the squad this year will add life to the road trips and experience to the field. These first classmen are Billy Hardy, Billy Young, Jeff Yates, Butch Brown, Garry Brumback and Bob Henkel, adding strength to several key positions on the diamond.







Powerful hitting, good fielding and good pitching are in store for this year's team as was the case last year. This year's team has one more very important quality: experience. Strength, speed and experience are qualities it takes to win. Along with these fine attributes, the Keydets have a strong coaching staff to guide them to a winning season



Lacrosse Team









The 1977 VMI lacrosse team was led by the scoring of crease attackman "Goose" Robbins and midfielder Dennis McCarty in their two impressive victories over the Citadel 12-9, and Guilford 15-11. Senior Robbins led the team in scoring with 24 goals. The goal was ably tended by the other senior and captain, Jack Daniels who was supported well on defense by Wadds Bugg, Boog Powell and Jimmy Diesel. With the loss of attackman Woody Woodward and other key players to injuries, the teams







attack was left entirely up to the "rookies", who lacked experience. Though the record wasn't particularly impressive at 2-6, the team will be back with the exception of three starters. The 1978 lacrosse team will have to look for new starters to fill the holes in the goal and attack, but under the leadership of co-captains Wadds Bugg and Rick Wetherill, with help from faculty advisor Lt. Stabler the 1978 lacrosse should turn in the best season in the teams existance.



Rifle Team





The V.M.I. Rifle team, a little known but very successful entity in V.M.I. athletics stormed to a 4 and 3 season. They have hopes for a Southern Conference Championship and are top seeded in this event, with Appalachian State posing as their only opponents. Southern Conference all star John Klag led the team to this victorious season.







The loss of John Klag will hurt the team but they have many good riflemen coming up to take his place. Next year the team will look to Craig Myler, Robert Conger, Tom Northam, Robert Carper and Doug Monjeau to carry on its winning tradition.


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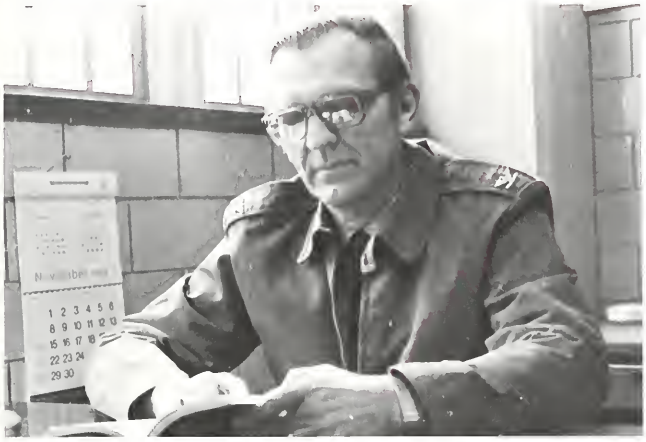
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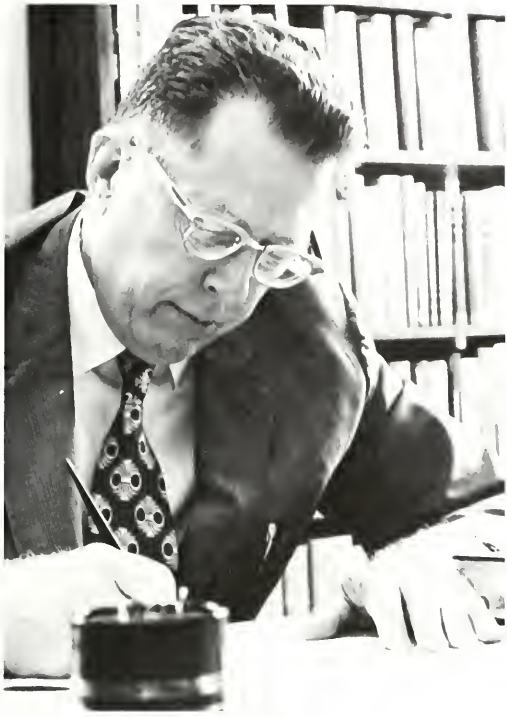


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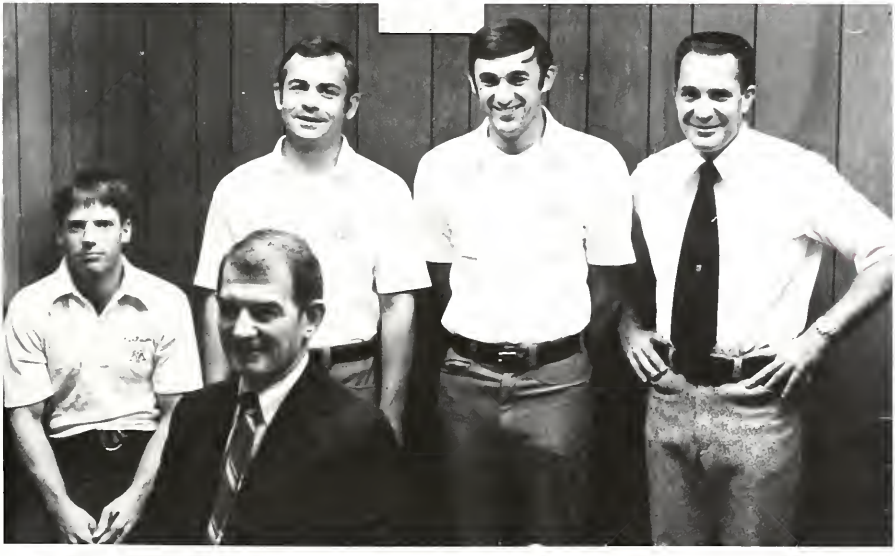
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The first graduates of V.M.I. met the day after their graduation in 1842 to organize the Alumni Military Association, W. M. Elliott '42, being elected president. A few years later, the name was changed to the Society of Alumni, and in 1919 was incorporated as "The V.M.I. Alumni Association."

The Certificate of Incorporation states that "The general purpose of this corporation is to organize the alumni and old cadets of the Virginia Military Institute in one general body, so as the better to keep alive the memories of the Institute life, and by their united efforts the more efficiently to aid in the promotion of the welfare of the Institute, and the successful prosecution of its educational purposes in the future." Today the Alumni Association continues to follow the course chartered by loyal alumni, and membership is comprised of all matriculates who upon graduating from or leaving V.M.I. left in good moral standing.

The control of the affairs of the Alumni Association rests with the Board of Directors, which meets three times a year. An annual meeting of all members of the Alumni Association is held at finals.

The Board is comprised of the elected officers, the past presidents, twenty elected members who serve a four-year term, a representative of alumni chapter, and the presidents and vice-presidents of the V.M.I. Foundation, Inc. and the V.M.I. Keydet Club.

The Alumni Association maintains an office in William L. Moody '86 (Alumni) Hall under the direction of Gerald F. (Jerry) Eggleston '51. The staff in Lexington maintains Alumni Hall and provides a variety of other services for alumni to include speakers and programs for alumni chapter meetings, contacts with cadets, contacts with other alumni, an employment bureau, an up-to-date allumni file, class reunions, new cadet recruiting, and publication with free distribution to all alumni of the **Alumni Review**. The **Alumni Review** is published by Colonel Bev Read '41 who serves as an ex-officio member of the executive committee of the V.M.I. Alumni Association.

The V.M.I. Keydet Club

The Alumni Education Fund was established in the Alumni Association on December 8, 1934, to handle funds donated to the Association specifically for athletic scholarships. On August 12, 1948, the V.M.I. Sportsmen's Club was organized to support the raising of scholarship funds. Its founding father, the late Hobert E. Doyle '09, was an active force in alumni affairs.

A 24-man Board of Governors is elected by the Directors of the V.M.I. Alumni Association. The officers of the Board are elected at the Keydet Club's annul meeting in the spring of each year. The Keydet Club maintains an office in Alumni Hall under the direction of its Executive Vice President, H. E. (Chunk) Neal '69.

The purpose of the Keydet Club is "To promote the cause of amateur intercollegiate and intramual athletics at the Virginia Military Institute through contributions to the Alumni Educational Fund and other appropriate ways." Each year the Keydet Club provides over $300,000 in funds to V.M.I. for athletic scholarships to worthy scholar-athletes as recommended by the coaching staff and approved by the Admissions Committee of V.M.I.

During the past fiscal year the Keydet Club raised a record $537,683 and was able to place $164,000 in the Athletic Scholarship endowment. This endowment will help guarantee the availability of funds for future scholar-athletes to attend the Institute. This scholarship aid, which goes to the V.M.I. treasury, allows V.M.I. to compete successfully in the Southern Conference and with its natural rivals within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The three-legged stool concept of strong academic, military, and athletic legs is supported by V.M.I. and all of its alumni agencies. The Board of Visitors, after careful study, affirmed the desirability of V.M.I.'s competition with state rivals in the Southern Conference. "Mens sana in corpore sana"—a sound mind in a sound body is a concept practiced at VMI through its strong intercollegiate and intramural athletic program.

The V.M.I. Foundation, Incorporated

In 1937 a dedicated group of alumni began the first permanent endowment of an undergraduate, state-supported college aiding only academic excellence. This organization, the V.M.I. Foundation, following the directions of its first President, John C. (Jack) Hagan '21, now controls assets totalling over $8,000,000. The income from these assets and contributions raised during the year directly benefit V.M.I. by providing various forms of aid to the faculty, staff, and cadets. The Foundation also provides, through gifts from alumni and friends, the annual operating expenses of the Alumni Association and the **Alumni Review**.

The Certificate of Incorporation dated January 22, 1937, cites the following purposes: "To solicit and to accept gifts . . . , bequests . . . of all kinds and to use . . . the income therefrom . . . for the advancement, promotion, encouragement, welfare, and progress of The Virginia Military Institute . . . and the V.M.I. Alumni Association." Funds are received through an annual giving program (the Alumni Annual Fund), special gifts, bequests, and the deferred giving program.

The V.M.I. Foundation, Inc. is governed by a thirdy-man Board of Trustees. The Trustees of the Foundation include as ex-officio members, the Superintendent of V.M.I., the President of The V.M.I. Alumni Association, and the Chairman of the V.M.I. Parents Council (a non alumnus). Among the remaining Trustees there must be one who is a member of the V.M.I. faculty and one who is a member of the V.M.I. Board of Visitors. Trustees are elected for three-year terms by the Board of Directors of the V.M.I. Alumni Association. The Foundation maintains an office in Moody Hall under the direction of Executive Vice President, Joseph D. Neikirk '32; Secretary, Warren J. (Buddy) Bryan '71; and Assistant Secretary, Timothy P. Golden '71.

In accomplishing its objectives as the offical endowment agency of V.M.I, the Foundation has sought to engage the enduring spirit of V.M.I. alumni, parents, and friends. This essential, supplemental financial support enabled the Foundation to raise over $1,100,000 during fiscal year 1976-1977 of which approximately $450,000 was placed in the permanent endowment and nearly $320,000 was contributed for faculty retirement and graduate study, endowment of professors' chairs, scholarships for cadets, and for the following cadet programs—the Honor Court, General Committee, Glee Club, Band, John M. Camp '05 Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets, VMI Theatre, Debating Team, club sports, VMI Museum, and Timmins Music Society, among others. The support of the Foundation is essential if VMI is to maintain its traditions of academic excellence within the framework of a small, military, undergraduate college.

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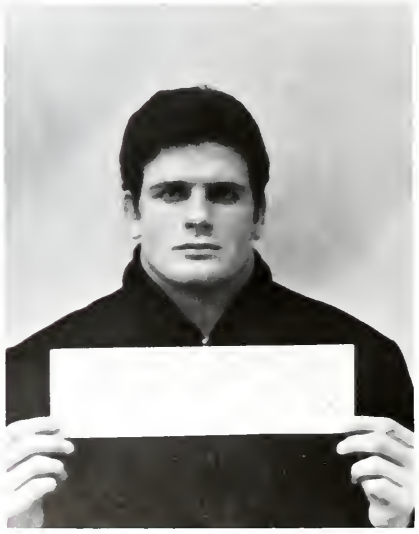
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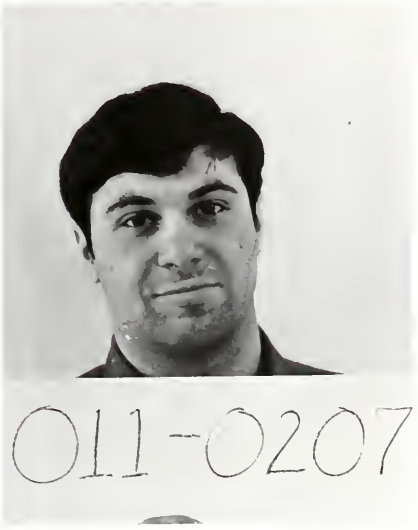
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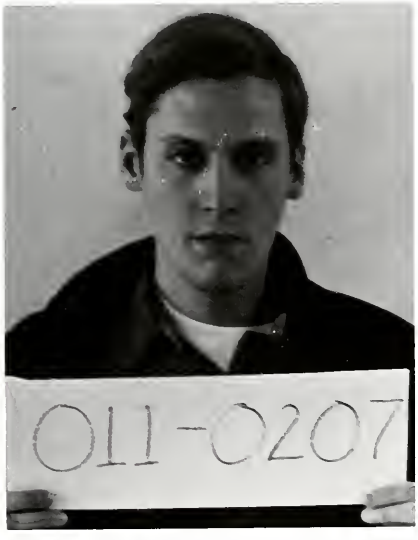


Stepanovich, Nenad. Cell Block No. 721-9032. Apprehended by I.R.S. Agent "Appolo" Czonstka on 9 May 1975 for possession of illegal alcohol in a national historic district. 4 Months.





Pileggi, A. Cell block no. 011-0207. Apprehended by Lexington Police corporal "No Head" Ed Anderson. for arson and indecent exposure in a public quad on 15 September 1974 . . . 2nd offense - Apprehended by F.B.I. Agent "Big Bird" Ritchie on 11 February 1976 for interbarracks transportation of illegal alcohol. Total penalty: 8 months





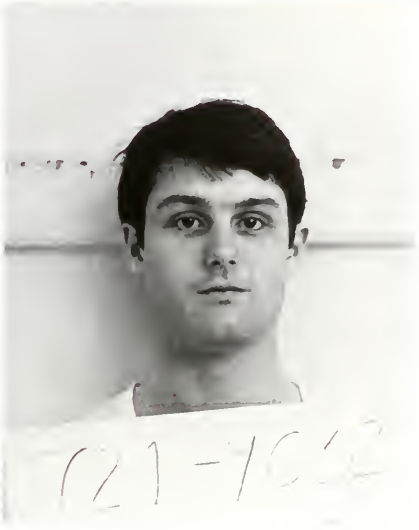
James, S.P. Cell Block no. 011-0207. Apprehended by Soviet K.G. B. Agent "Nuc-em-ov" Williams on 13 May 1976 for interbarracks transportation of illegal alcohol and disruption of U.S.-U.S.S.R. relations (i.e. verbal assault on a U.S.S.R. agent). 4 months.



McCampbell, William B. Cell block no. 235-7421. Apprehended on 3 November, 1977, by K.G.B. Agent Ivan Hamilton, for interbarracks transportation of illegal liquor. 4 months

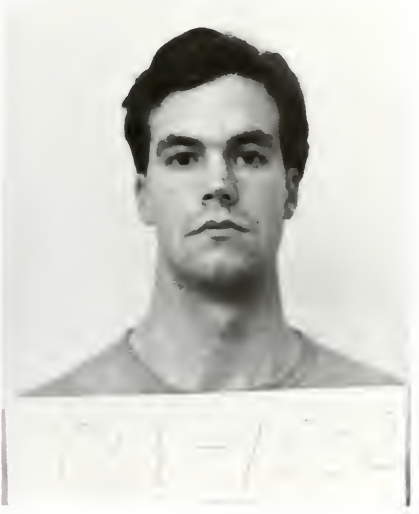


Simpson, Robert. Cell block no. 011-0207. Apprehended on 23 October, 1977, by treasury agent Stabler for illegal flight from a state prison. 4 months. Still serving.





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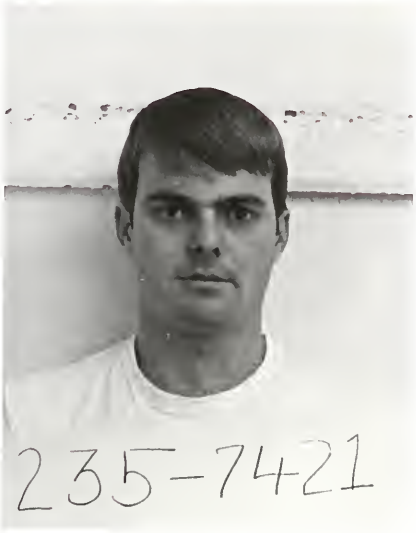
Booker, Thomas N. Cell block no. 721-9032. Apprehended on 8 September 1976, by treasury agent "Popeye" Whittaker for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages in a "dry" radio room. (Member of the Nichols Nine Gang). 4 months solitary.



Wrenn, David G. Cell block no. 235-7421. Apprehended by Virginia State Police Patrolman "Herr" Brown on 7 May, 1977 for concealment of a deadly alcoholic potion in the barracks "oven". 4 months Suspended Sentence.



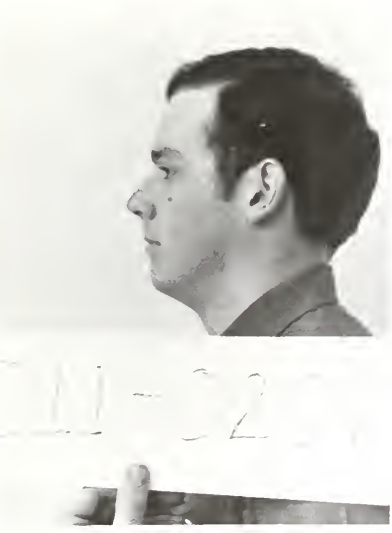
Shimanek, Red. Cell block no. 235-7421. Apprehended by Virginia State Police Patrolman "Herr" Brown on 7 May 1977 for concealment of "still" droppings in barracks band room instrument area. 4 months Suspended Sentence





Ayers, Ollie W. Cell block no. 235-7421. Apprehended by Virginia State Police Patrolman "Herr" Brown on 7 May 1977 for possession of illegal alcoholic beverages belonging to the Anhueser Busch Gang. 4 months . . . Suspended Sentence.





Tulbert, Bont F. Cell block no. 011-0207. Apprehended by treasury department agent "Popeye" Whittaker on 18 April 1977 for possession and consumption of a national security formula (i.e. rocket fuel developed by Dr. Strohs.) 4 months Suspended Sentence.



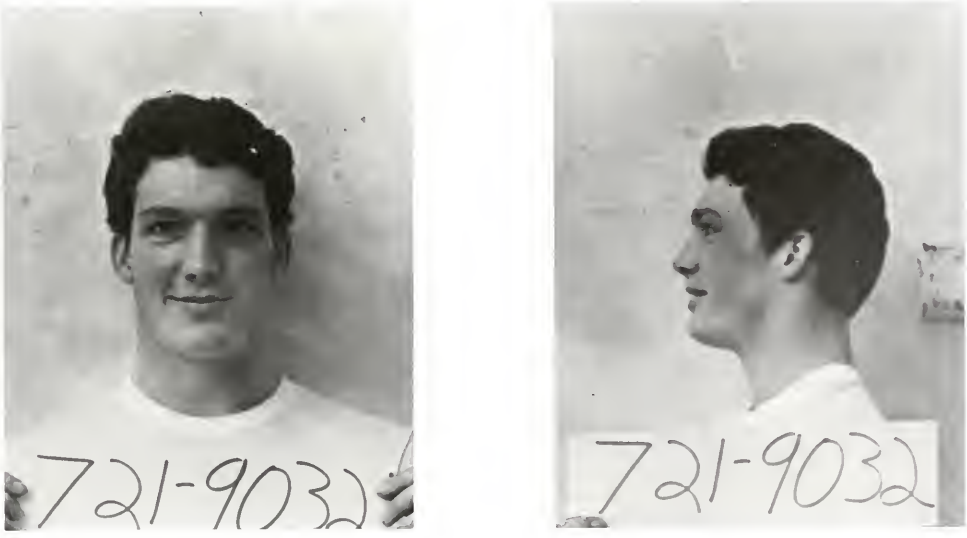
Eagle, Robert. Cell block no. 011-0207. Apprehended by treasury department agent "Popeye" Whittaker on 8 September 1976 for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages in a "dry" radio room. (Member of the Nichols Nine Gang.) 4 months.



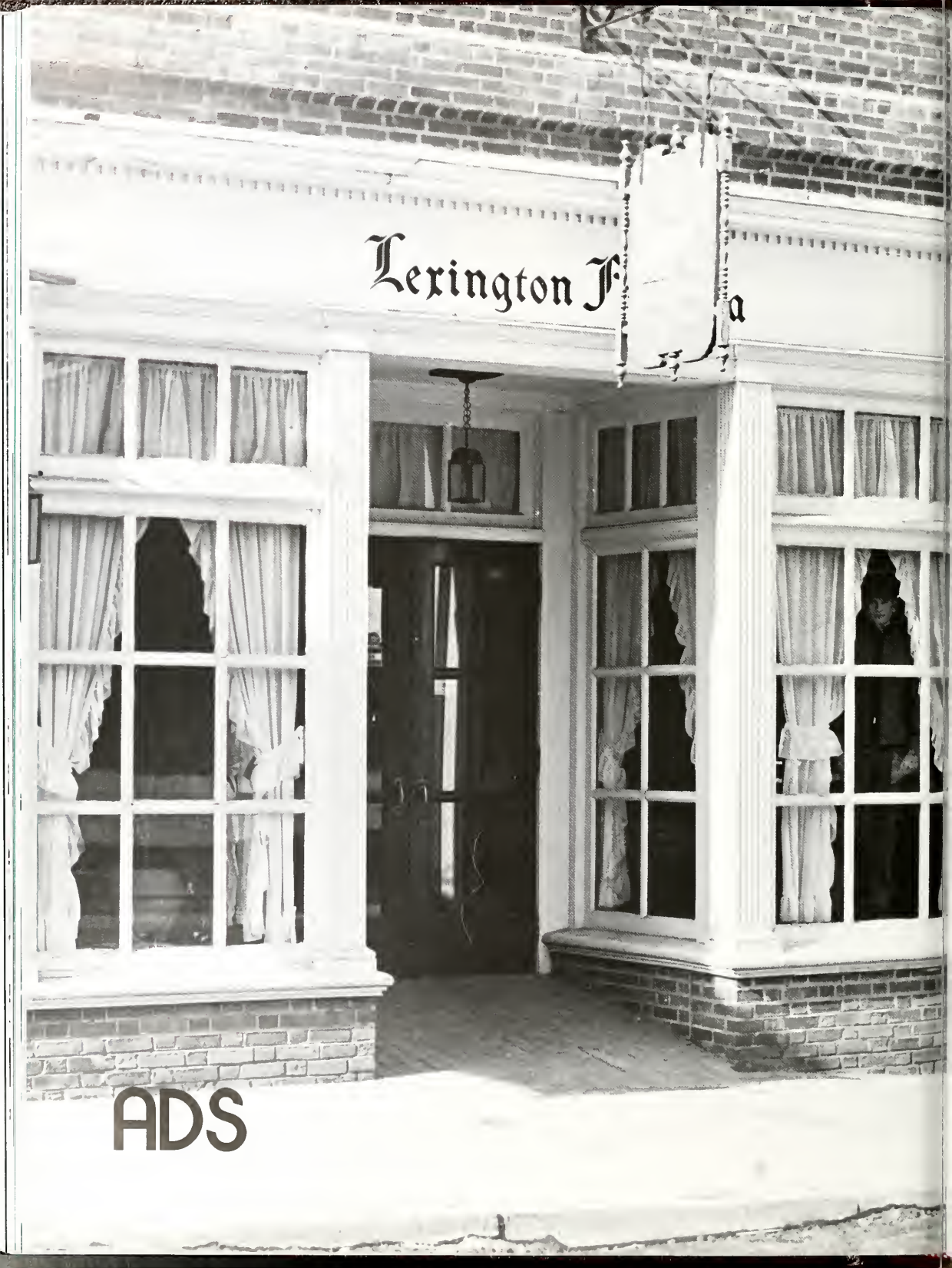
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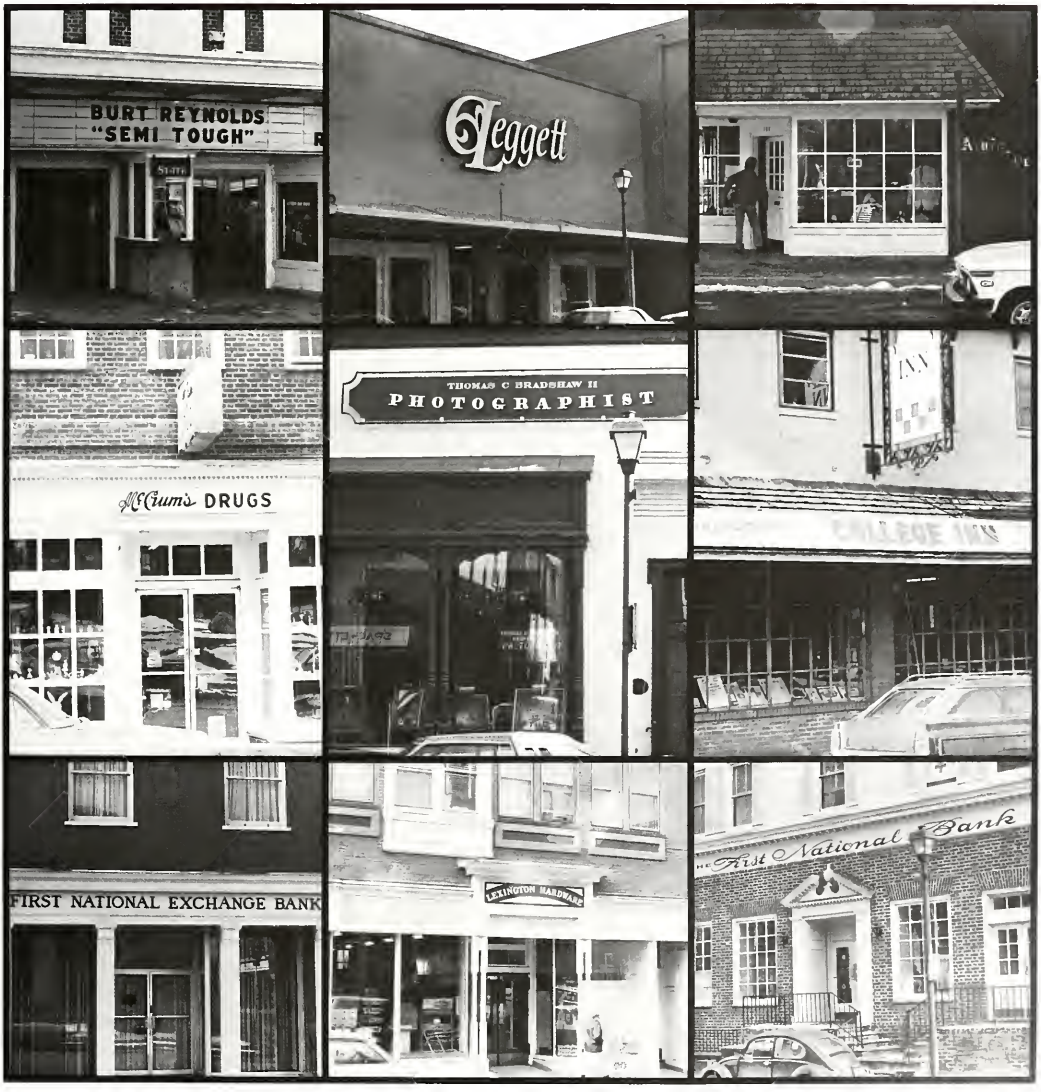
Parker, Robert S. Cell block no. 235-7421. Apprehended by F.B.I. Agent "Health and Welfare Inspector" Smith on 31 October 1977 for possession of aluminum tubings used in containing powerful alcoholic beverages. 4 months Still Serving.



Kinnier, John. Cell block no. 721-9032. Apprehended by Soviet K.G.B. Agent "Nuc-Em-Ov" Williams on 12 May 1976 for disorderly conduct while under the influence of Milwaukee "Fire-water", and also threatening K.G.B. Agent Williams with his own hammer and sickle. 4 months.



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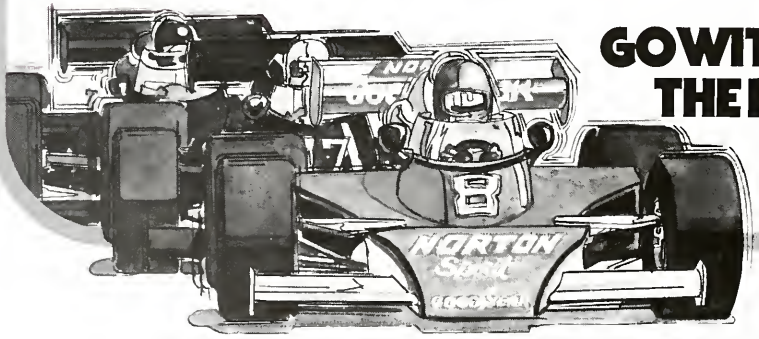
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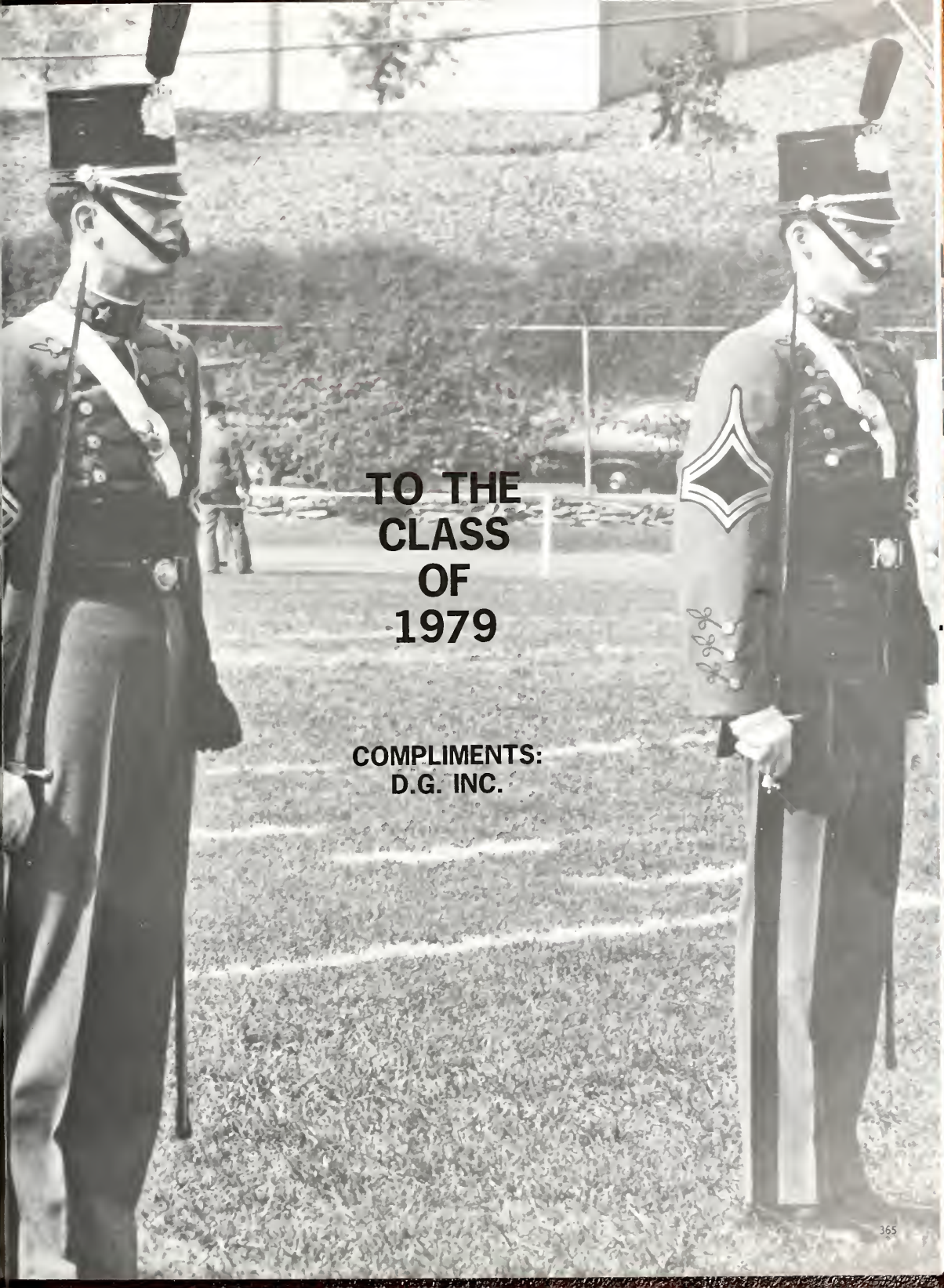
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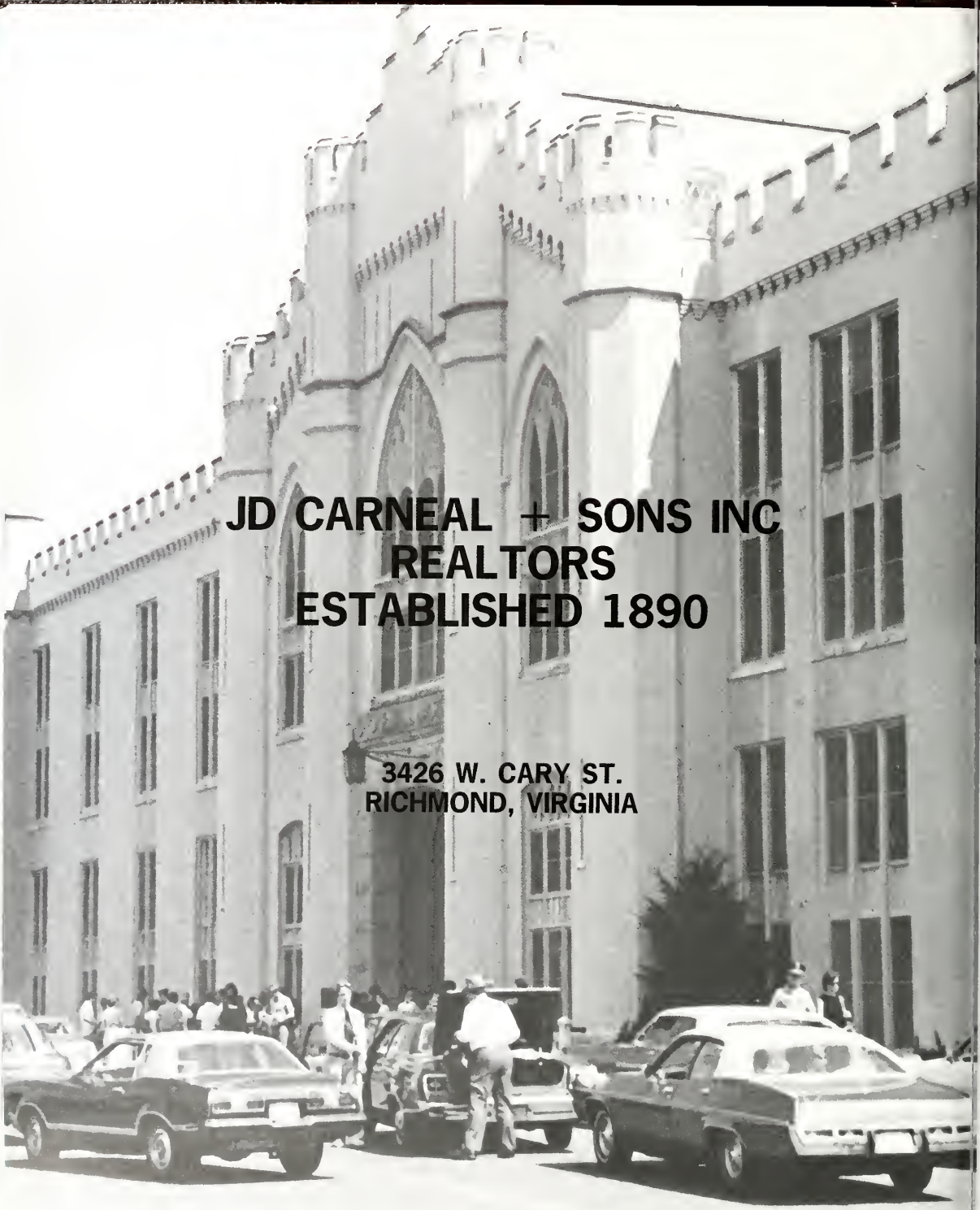
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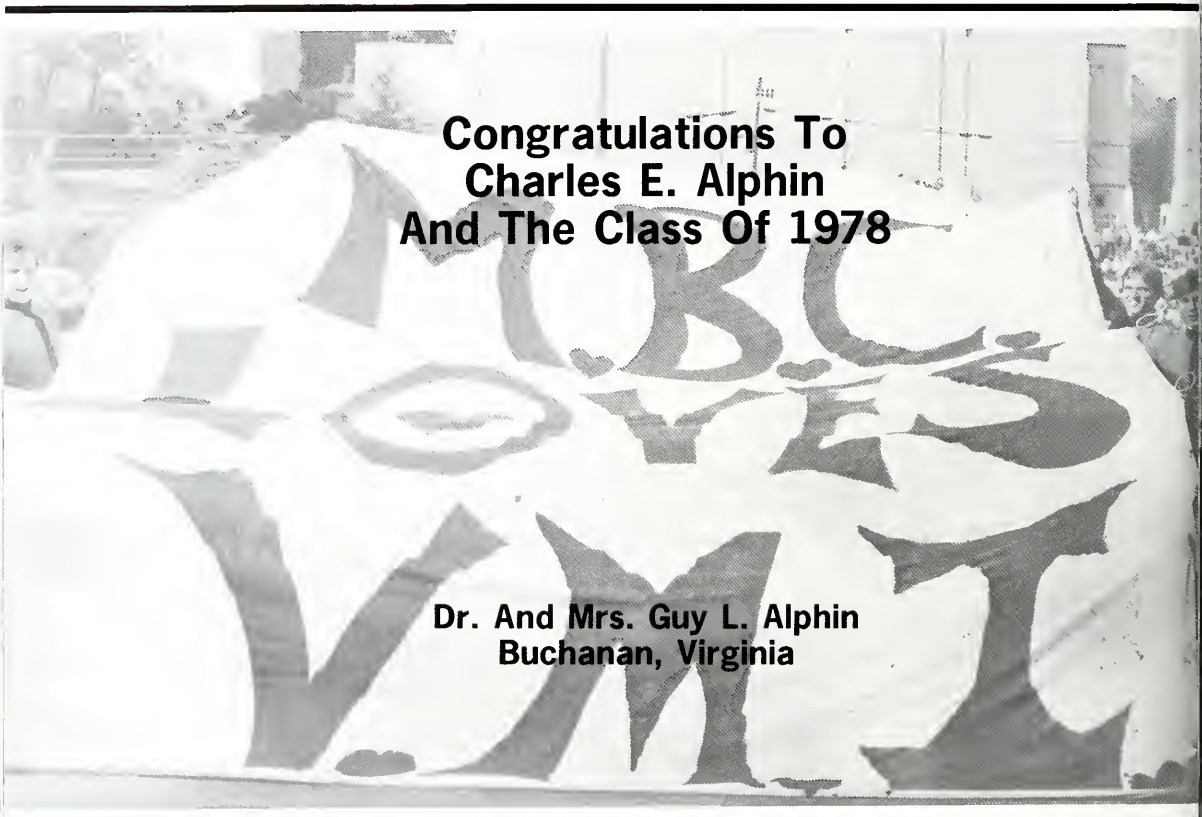


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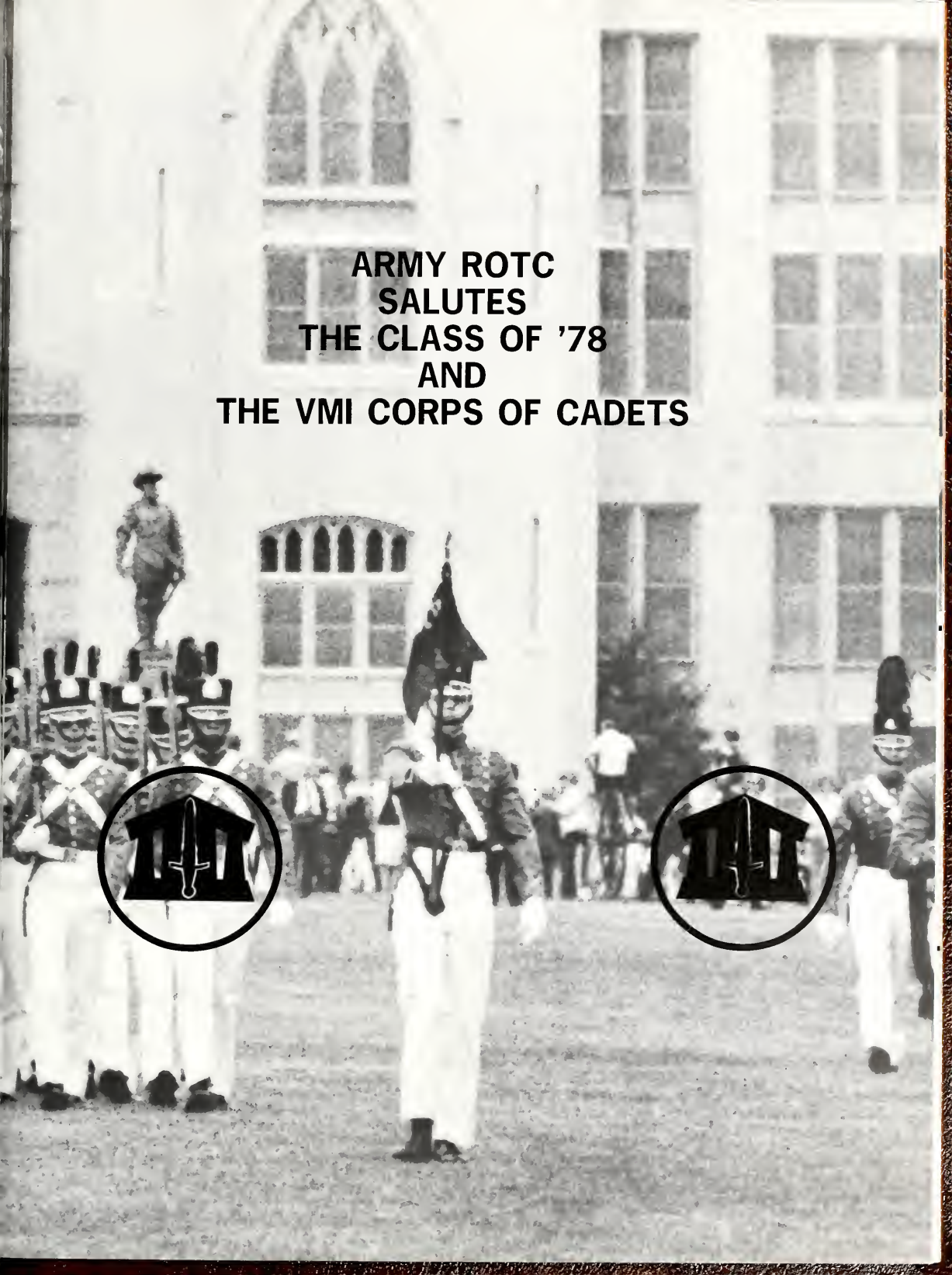
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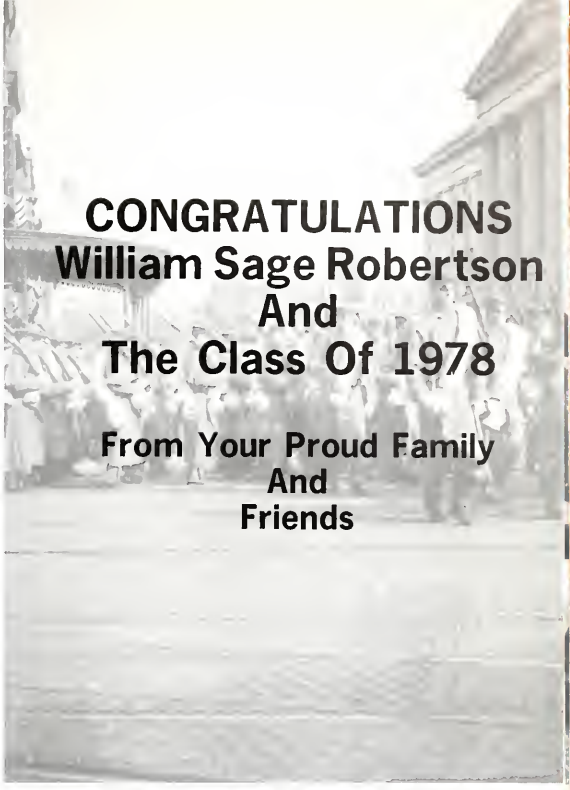
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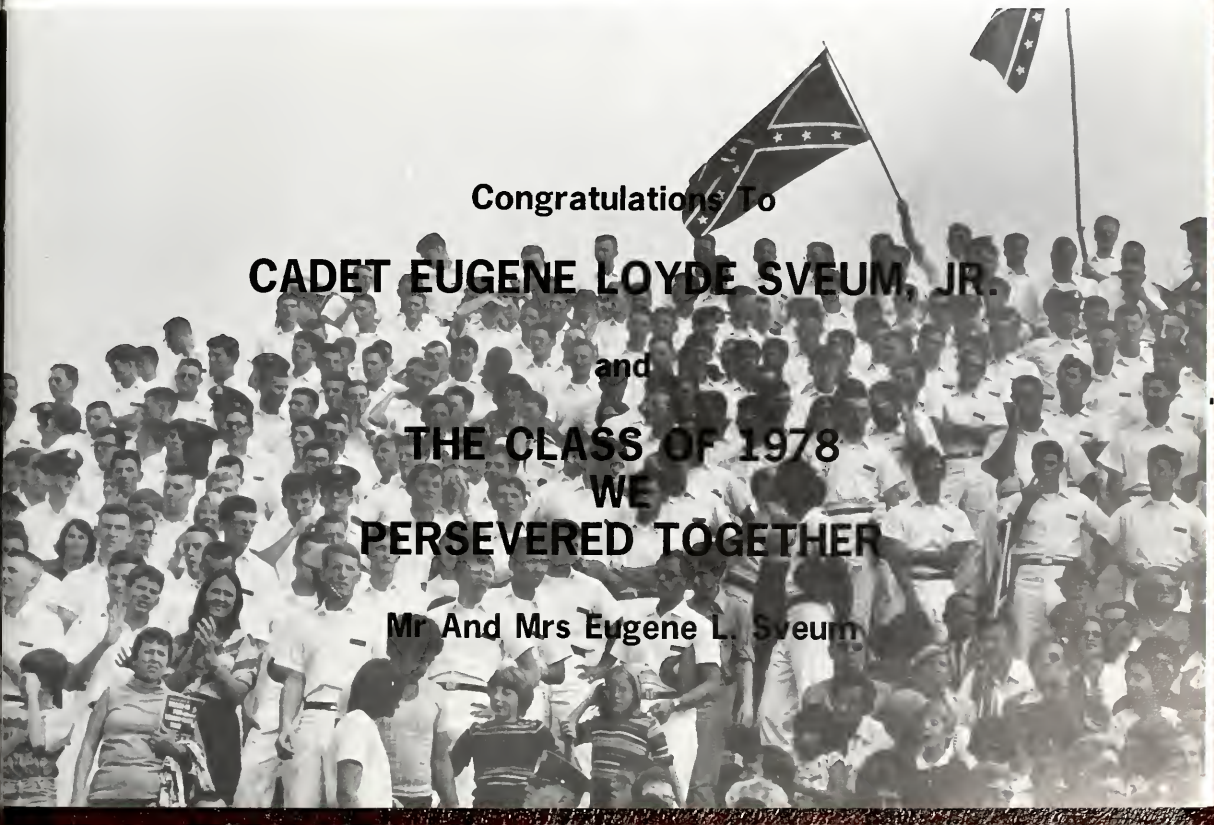
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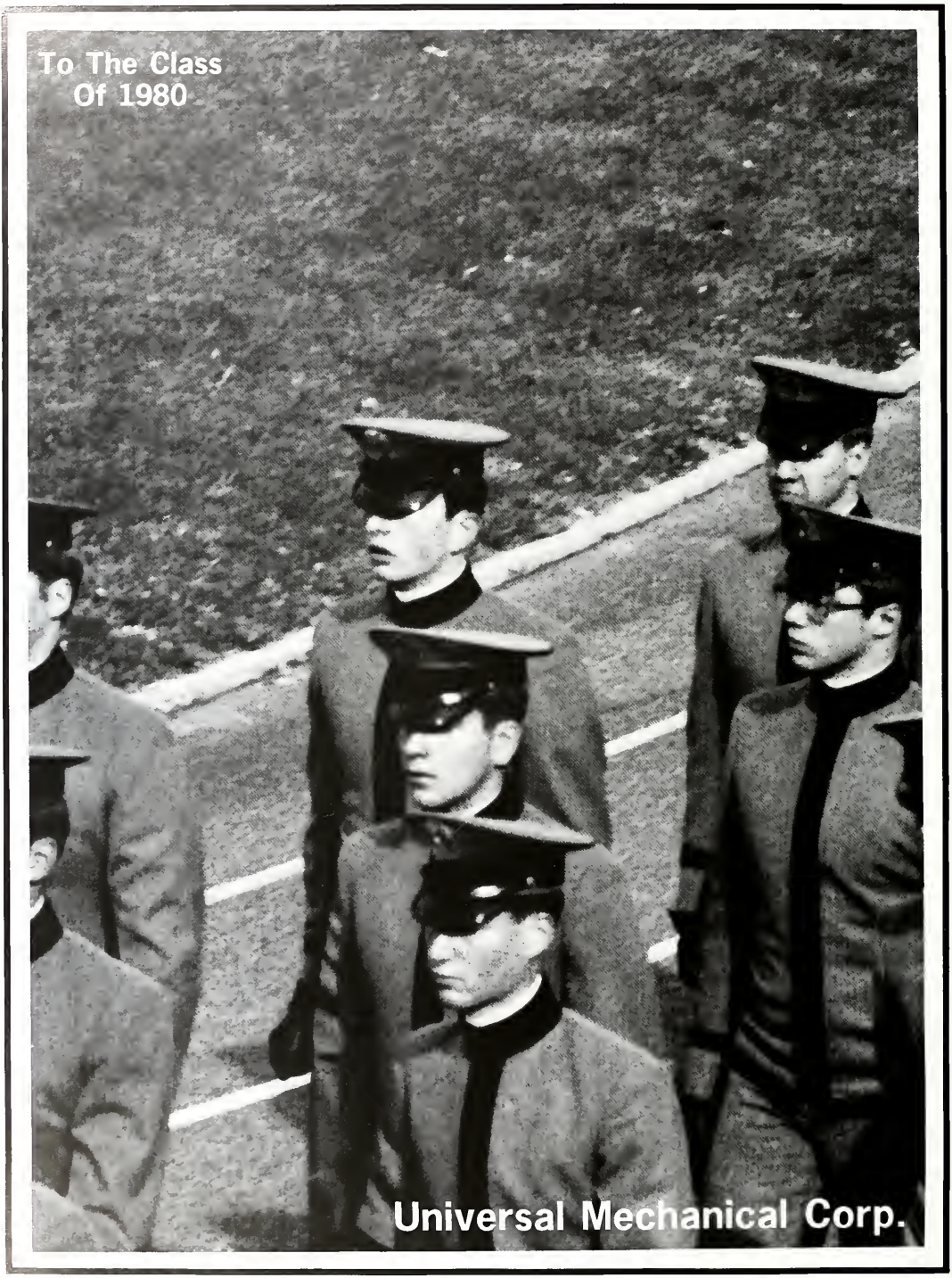
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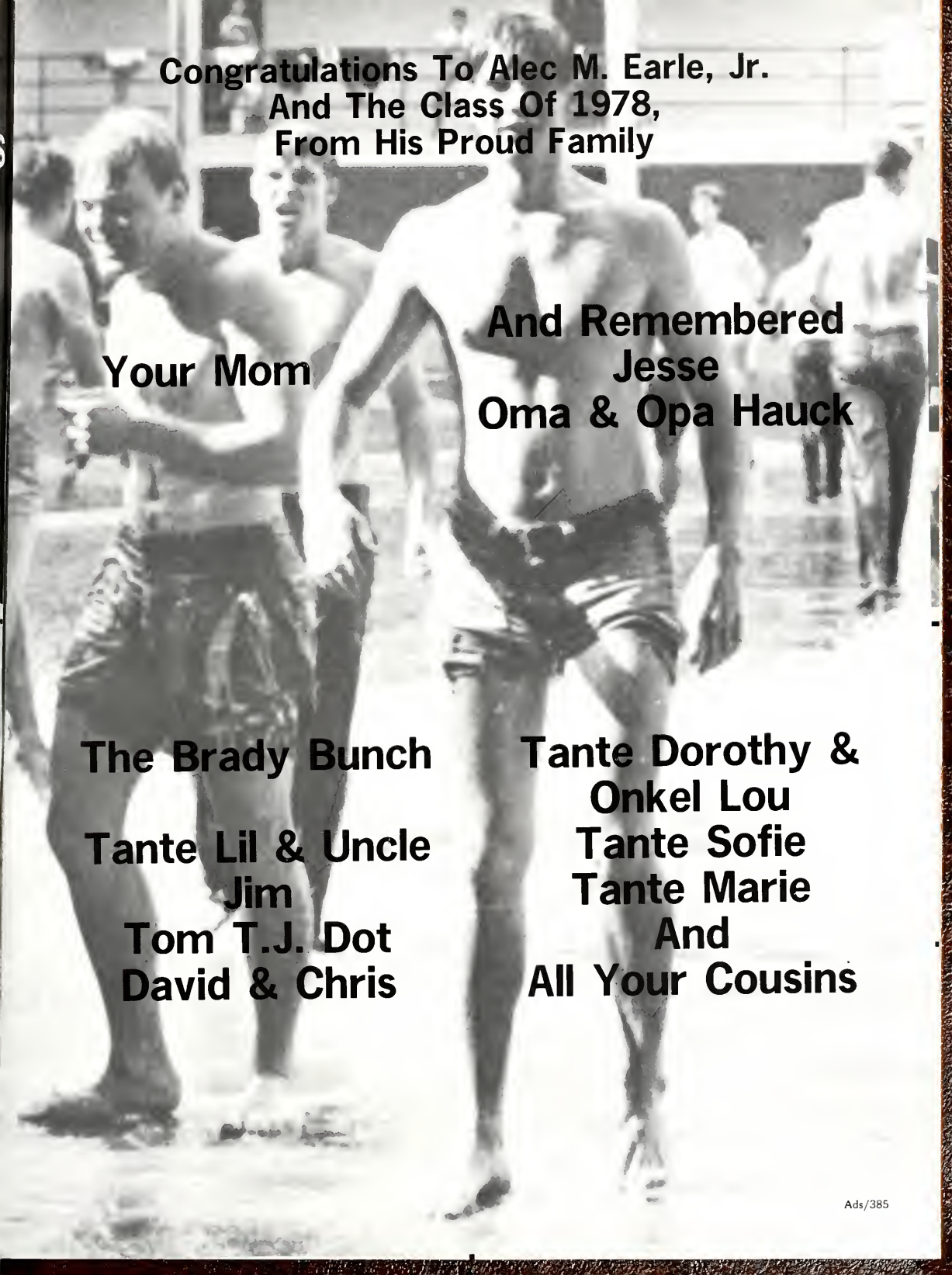
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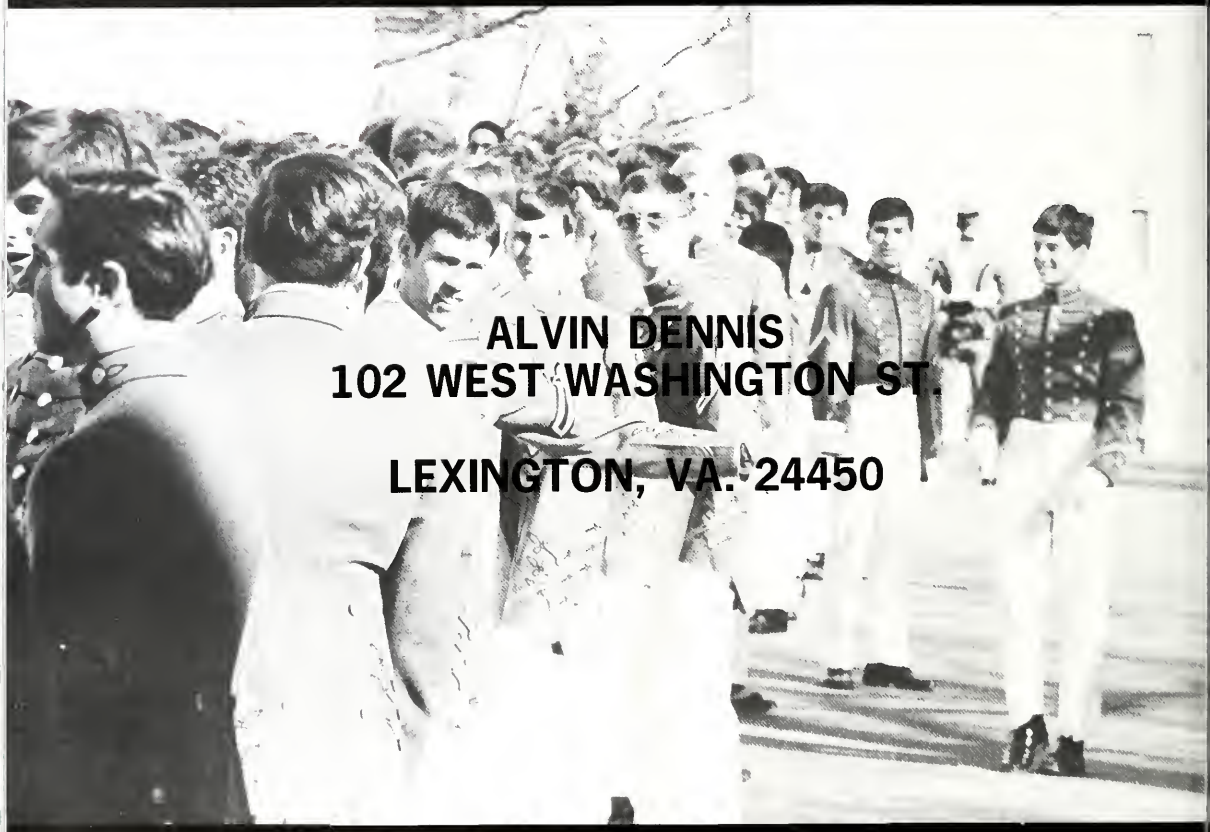
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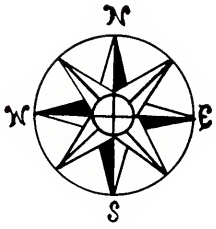
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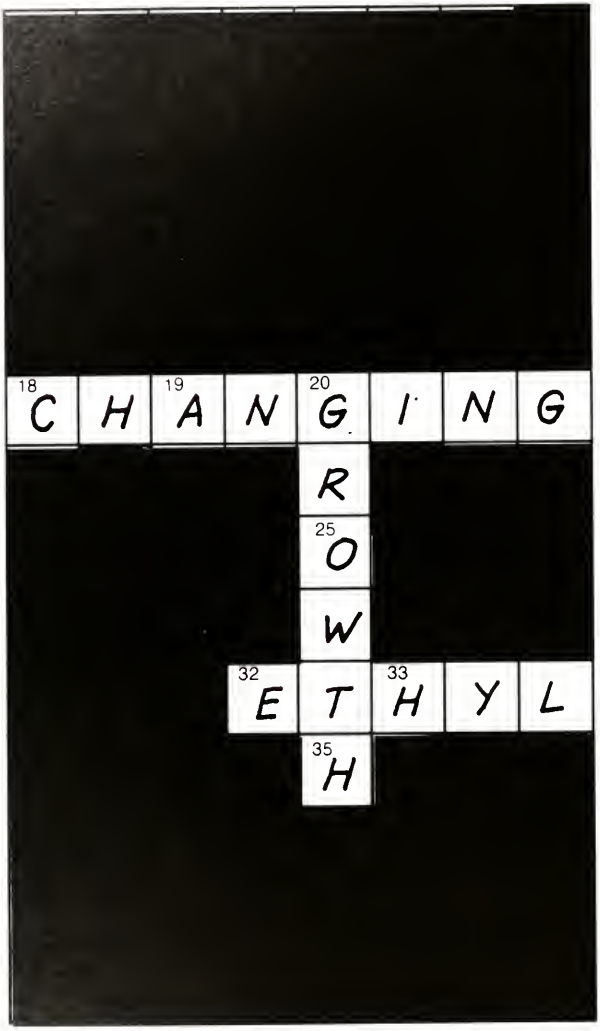
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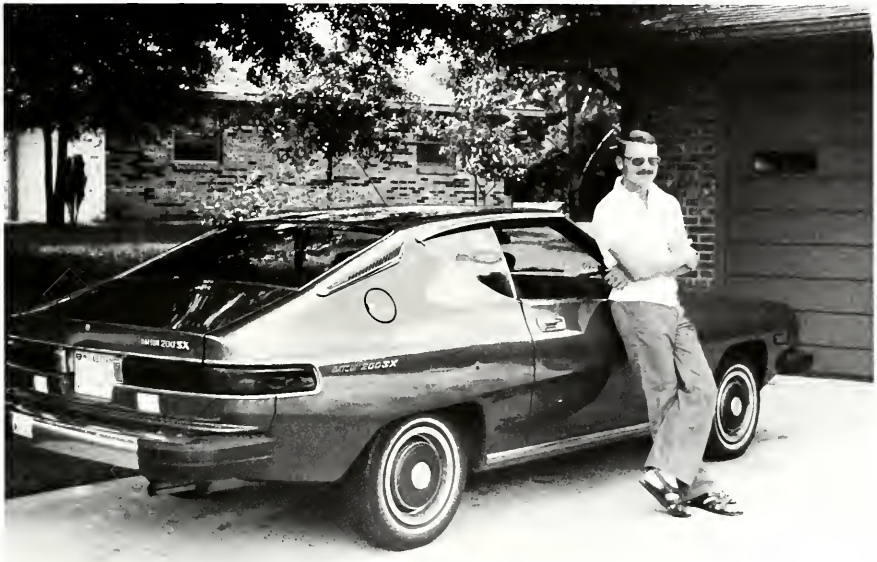


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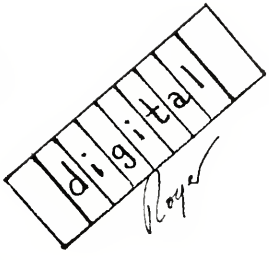
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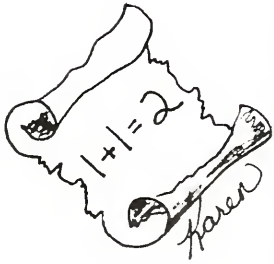


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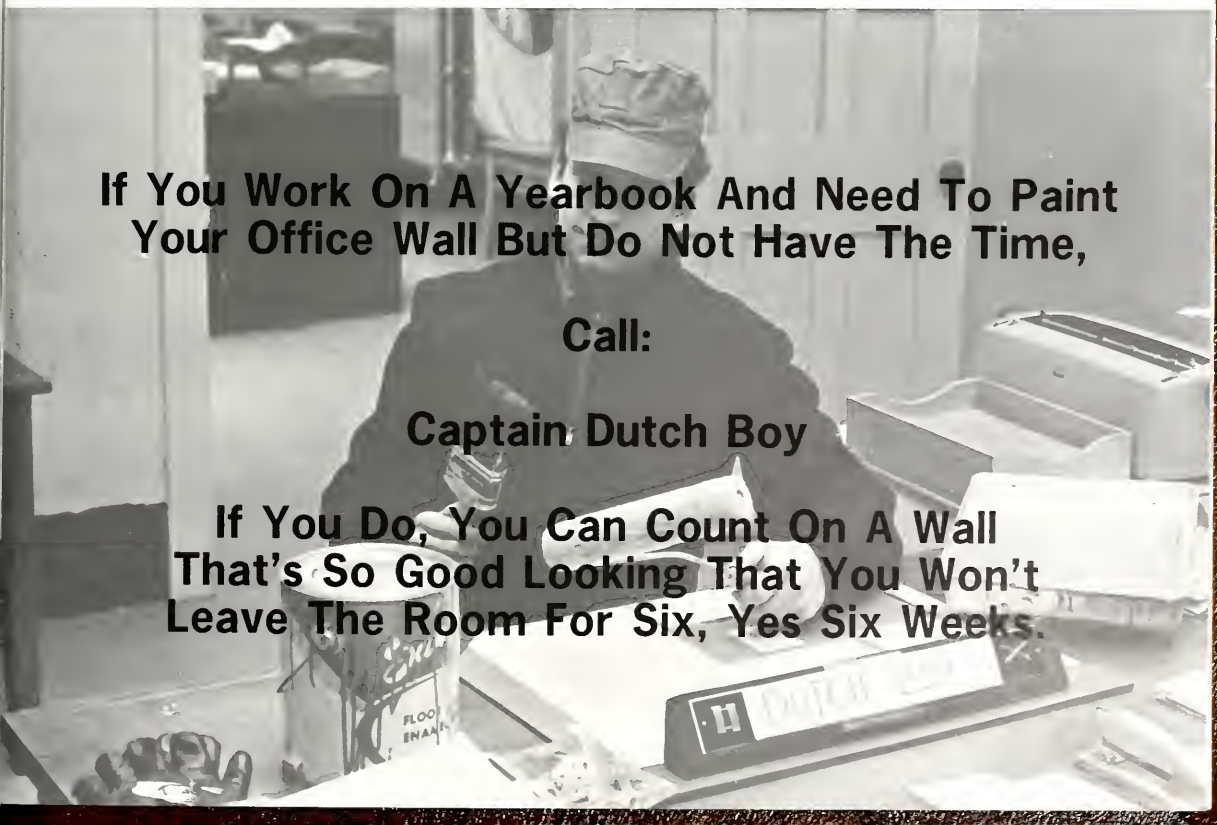
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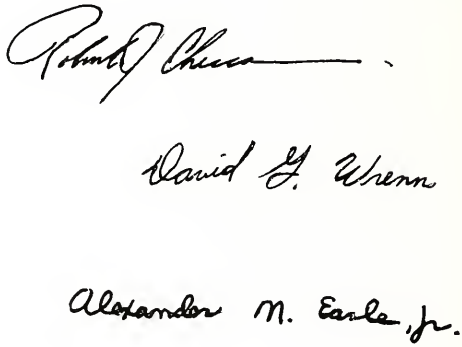
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Epilogue



This year has been one of many emotions. The Class of 1978 was presented with many new and ever increasing problems. The class not only confronted these problems but also fought for the betterment of the Corps. Numerous trips were made into the Commandant's Office by the leaders of the Corps but minimal physical evidence stemmed from these trips.

In this book I have attempted to record some of these highlights and downfalls. In keeping with the class spirit, I have changed the format and design of this publication. I have tried to show the Corps as they actually are. The formality of the parades, inspections, and guard mounts are still present but the informal side of the cadet - the barracks life, hops, and parties at Goshen have also been pictured. These are memories that will never fade.

Working with this publication over the past three years has been a great asset. It has given me a chance to be creative, imaginative, and most of all, it has given the class and myself an opportunity to express its feelings of disillusion, which are seldom taken as omens by the Institute. Although we had to cross many roadblocks during the year ranging from late pictures to unpainted walls, we still managed to produce a yearbook that I am proud of.

The limited number of people who have given their all to make this book a success must be thanked. Personally, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to these generous individuals. Alex Earle did a tremendous job as First Class Editor and Business Manager. Dave Wrenn served as a very effective Managing Editor and newly recognized photographer. Mark Gentile filled in as Copy Editor and always seemed to find the proper words to get the meaning across. Garry, Pat, and Butch all gave unselfishlessly of themselves. Doug Monjeau and Bert Liverance were always "developing" something new in the darkroom. And "Jogger" and "Wheels" kept the layouts coming endlessly.

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